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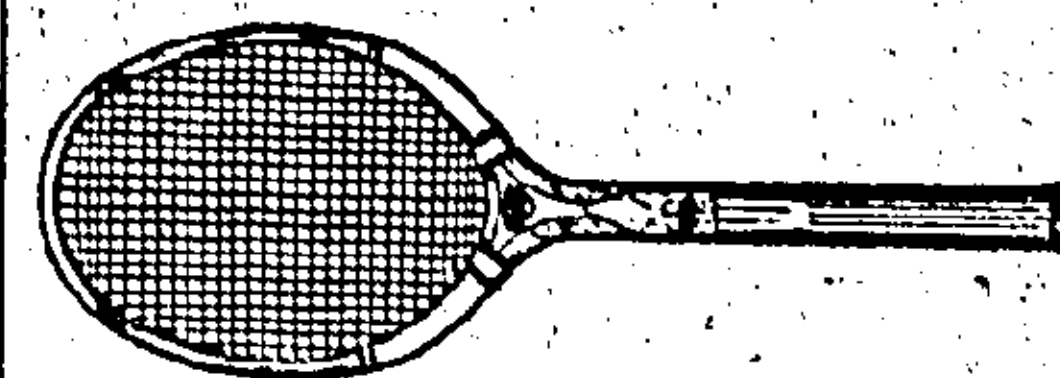
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ENGLAND WIN FIRST TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIANS LOSE BY 93 RUNS.

A WONDERFUL FINISH ONE HOUR BEFORE CLOSE OF PLAY.

BRADMAN'S FINE EFFORT

England scored a magnificent victory in the first Test match against the Australians when, despite a noble effort by D. G. Bradman, they dismissed the visitors in a wonderful finish for 335 runs, winning by 93. The match ended an hour before stumps were due to be drawn. When Bradman's wicket fell when he was 131, a victory for either side or a draw seemed equal chances.

But Bradman's effort was unavailing. The following batsmen strove desperately, but the majority of them fell a victim to the fielders. McCabe battled well for a 49, but Australia's tail refused to wag sufficiently long to give the team a victory, although England were badly handicapped by the absence of Larwood, the fast bowler. The wickets were shared by Robins, Tate and Tyldesley.

The next Test match will be played at Lord's on June 27, 28, and 30 and July 1.

CROWD RUSHES THE PAVILION.

London, June 17.

The inning's scores in the First Test match are set out below:

England (First)	270
England (Second)	302
Australia (First)	141
Australia (Second)	335
England won by	93

How Australia failed when Bradman had finished his magnificent effort is shown by the detailed scores given below. Only McCabe contributed anything like an appreciable amount to the score, the tail end of the team failing to cope with the bowling.

AUSTRALIA—2ND INNINGS.

W. M. Woodfull, c Chapman, b Larwood	4
W. H. Ponsford, b Tate	3
D. G. Bradman, b Robins	131
A. Kippax, c Hammond, b Robins	23
S. McCabe, c sub, b Tate	49
V. Y. Richardson, lbw, b Tyldesley	29
A. Fairfax, c Robins, b Tate	14
W. A. Oldfield, c Hammond, b Tyldesley	11
C. V. Grimmett, c Hammond, b Tyldesley	0
P. M. Hornibrook, c Duckworth, b Robins	5
T. Wall, not out	8
Extras	22
Total	335

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	5	1	9	1
Tate	10	20	69	3
Robins	17.2	1	81	3
Tyldesley	35	10	77	3
Hammond	29	5	74	0
Woolley	3	1	3	0

The last day of the Test Match opened with dull, sultry weather at Nottingham. With the Saturday total at 60 for one wicket, Ponsford and Bradman came out to continue the innings. The former had made 21 and Bradman 31. The youngest player in the team soon showed his expected batting form and runs soon began to come freely.

Lunch Score.

Ponsford had added eighteen runs to his previous total when he was clean bowled by Tate and Kippax came in to join Bradman who was scoring rapidly and making many fine strokes. The pair continued to pile up runs until Kippax sent a ball up which Hammond gathered well. Kippax had made 25 and two wickets had fallen fairly quickly.

McCabe then went out to the wicket and he and Bradman were still together when the lunch interval arrived. The Australians were then 198 for three wickets and it looked as if the visitors had a good chance of carrying off the match. At lunch Bradman was 88 and McCabe 32. Extras up to that time totalled twelve.

Bradman continued to bat strongly after lunch and he reached his century amid applause at 2.40 p.m. His rate of scoring had decreased considerably, as he was tied up by Hammond who had been put on to bowl for the first time in the match. Bradman fell a victim to Robins who cleaned him with a fine score of 131 runs to his credit.

Wonderful Finish.

Bradman's noble effort, however, was unavailing. Australia were beaten in a wonderful finish an hour before the match was due to end. Bradman was the fifth wicket to fall. There were then two and a half hours to play and the Australians wanted another 162 runs. A victory for either side or a draw seemed equal chances.

However, the match finished an hour before time. Bradman had been at the wicket for four hours and twenty minutes. He played a plodding innings and proved to be the backbone of the side. Although he varied his strokes his play lacked its usual sparkle. When Bradman was dismissed Richardson went in and he played a merry but brief innings. He was lbw. to Tyldesley at 29, his score including six fours. Australia had no tail, and Fairfax was soon sent back after adding only 14 to the score. Oldfield also fell a victim to the fielders as did Grimmett who was dismissed for a duck.

Hendren's Memento.

Immediately the match was over Hendren pulled up a stump as a memento of a great victory. The crowd rushed the pavilion when the teams went in and cheered loudly, calling for Chapman and Woodfull who appeared on the balcony in response to the cries.

So England won by 93 runs in a fine fighting match. The victory is all the more creditable owing to the fact that one of England's best bowlers was unable to appear. Seven of the Australians fell victims to catches, but the number of extras in their total appears to indicate that the English fielding was not up to the standard of the earlier innings. Tate, Robins and Tyldesley shared the wickets equally in the final day's play. Robins was fairly easy to score from and he only

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INDO-CHINA S. N. COMPANY.

CAUSES OF REDUCED PROFITS.

WISDOM OF STABILISING DOLLAR DOUBTED.

PEACE THE SOLUTION.

Political unrest and civil war in China, the absence of security in Southern provinces, increasing taxation on cargo and the steady decline in the exchange value of the dollar were mentioned at the annual shareholders' meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., held at noon to-day, as having combined in substantially lessening the profits on working of steamers during the past year.

The various aspects of the Company's activities were reviewed in the speech from the chair, and it was stated that negotiations were in progress which it was hoped would result in a satisfactory understanding being reached with competitors on the Calcutta run. In a reference to the exchange problem, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson said he had encountered no convincing arguments for a fixed dollar at 2/-, remarking that the only solution was peace in China, which would cause a revival of trade and lead to the absorption of silver stocks.

The new anti-piracy guard scheme was criticised as increasing the burdens of shipping companies.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, who presided, said:—As the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some days I presume you will, as hitherto, take them as read.

Your directors regret that the welcome improvement in 1928 was not maintained in 1929 and it will be found from the accounts before you that the profit on the working of steamers fell from £195,488, 12s. 3d. in the former year to £51,444, 12s. 3d. for the period under review.

The reasons for our poorer showing have been briefly mentioned in the report as being due to a recrudescence of political disturbances in China, which, with increasing taxation on cargo, continued to affect trade on all our principal lines. I cannot do better than refer you to that part of the chairman's speech at the recent annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, where he mentioned that China failed to realise the hope of the previous year and had relapsed into civil war. That statement adequately sums up the difficulties we have had to contend with, and I do not propose to detain you with a detailed account of the succession of crises and wars.

Unstable Conditions.

Suffice it to say that these upheavals took place for the most in the Yangtze Valley where our chief interests lie and though it has been stated before that the recuperative power of trade in China is remarkable, signs are not wanting that it is becoming seriously weakened by lack of stable conditions.

On the Upper River the Anti-British boycott was revived at Chungking in May, and although the cause for its resuscitation is still not clear—it was supposed to have arisen out of the Wanhsien incident of 1925—we have grave reasons to believe that certain Chinese factions took advantage of the situation to keep the boycott alive, with varying degrees of intensity, until October, when conditions became as normal as we have come to associate with that turbulent region. It is hardly surprising therefore that our Yangtze earnings did not compare favourably with those of the previous year.

On October 18th, the Kiawo was pirated between Chungking and Ichang, fortunately without loss of life. For some time previous to this incident naval guards had been withdrawn from Upper River steamers for service in other threatened areas, but on applica-

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BUS FARES AND PETROL TAX.

HUGE EXTRA COST TO THE COMPANIES.

INCREASE CERTAIN.

With the present increase in the cost of gasoline which forms the chief expenditure of the motor bus companies, there is a possibility of the fares for travel on the mainland being proportionately increased to meet the extra cost.

When some time ago, officials of the bus companies in Kowloon indicated that application had been made to the Government for the fares on the buses to be standardised, making the charges payable by mileage. This was urged to bring some of the longer routes in line with the shorter ones without any general increase of the fares but now that the price of gasoline has increased and a tax is proposed by the Government, it seems likely that increases on more definite lines will have to be considered.

An official of one bus company intimated to a representative of the Telegraph to-day that he had not the slightest idea what was going to happen. He remarked that the present time was most

NEW ANTI-PIRACY GUARDS.

Change of System to Cost \$80,000 Yearly.

SHIPPING COMPANIES' PAY.

London, June 17. In the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a question, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said the substitution of police for military guards on merchant ships in Chinese water would cost about \$80,000 yearly.

Mr. Ammon added that the cost would be borne by the shipping companies.—*Reuter.*

unfavourable one for the Government to impose a tax on petrol and thus considerably increase the expenditure of the bus companies.

It was learned that as yet no reply has been received from the Government regarding the proposals submitted some time ago, as the matter was awaiting the return of the Inspector General of Police before anything definite could be considered.

It is now likely that the former proposals will have to be substituted by other plans for permission to increase the fares to meet the extra cost of maintaining the bus services. Nothing definite had been decided upon however, as it will be necessary for the managers of the bus companies on the mainland to give the matter their consideration before steps are taken.

It is of interest to note that each bus consumes on an average 35 to 40 gallons of gasoline daily and with the present increases the cost of running one single vehicle is enormous.

MALTA FERMENT.

HOME GOVERNMENT HAS THE MATTER IN HAND.

London, June 17. Asked in the House of Commons whether he was in a position to give any further information regarding the situation in Malta, Dr. Drummond Shiels, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said that owing to the state of public feeling in the island the elections were still being held in abeyance by the Governor, in exercise of his reserved powers.

The question of what further measure should be taken to deal with the situation was under consideration by the British Government.—*British Wireless.*

TARIFF BILL SIGNED.

Washington, June 17. President Hoover has signed the Tariff Bill.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OPENING OF CASE CRITICISED.

COUNSEL EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

LIVELY PASSAGES IN THE HOTEL ACTION.

AMENDMENT WANTED.

A lively interchange of comments on the manner counsel for plaintiff had opened his case was indulged in by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, when the proceedings of the action between Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., in reference to the installation of a refrigerating plant, was resumed this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp).

The difference of opinion arose out of an application by Mr. Sheldon to His Lordship for the amendment of certain of his particulars relating to the storage of fresh and frozen meat.

Mr. Potter, counsel for defendants, opposed the application and contended that Mr. Sheldon had not opened his case correctly. He was of the opinion that the plaintiffs had had every opportunity of making discoveries of that nature long before the trial started.

He was also compelled to submit that the case was not put before them in the way it should have been. They had been given no indication as to the importance of the various points, and they still had no idea of their importance.

Application Opposed.

At the outset Mr. Sheldon, addressing His Lordship said he wished to make application to amend the particulars regarding two small items. If he would look at his particulars of April 10, paragraph 13, it dealt with the allegation that different meat was placed on the floor and piled in stacks. He now formally applied to add the particulars that frozen meat and fresh meat were together placed in the refrigerating chamber and piled in stacks.

A further additional amendment to this paragraph was that frozen meat was taken out of the refrigerating chambers, thawed and portions of it removed. The remainder was placed back in the refrigerating chamber.

Mr. Potter said he opposed the application. Every opportunity had been given the other side of making full discoveries in this case long before the case started. He opposed the application on the grounds that he was compelled to submit that the case was not put before them in the way it should have been.

They had not had the opportunity of knowing the importance of the points, and they still did not know how important they were. It was quite true that they had the power to amend, but case after case had been decided where a radical amendment would not be allowed. He would have to go very fully into the point, and he could not say how many, or if any, witnesses had already been before the Court who might have given important evidence of the points.

Principle and Practice.

He was not criticising his friend in any carping method. The opening of the case was confined to the reading of the pleadings, contracts and certain statements about the alleged representations by Mr. Brearley. No attempt was made to introduce evidence associated with this, or evidence of any particular aspect of the pleadings and no indication as to the sort of evidence Mr. Hacker was to give, was made to them.

His Lordship observed that there were principles to be considered, but Mr. Potter pointed out that the principle did not carry very far in practice, as the pleadings must be strictly adhered to. Otherwise he could not see the use of pleadings.

His Lordship said he would accept the application. Mr. Sheldon suggested that Mr. Potter might be questioning his honesty. Mr. Potter replied that he wished the suggestion of honesty would be dropped by his learned friend. Perhaps when he had been at the

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BRITISH GOLFERS SHINE.

FINE FOLK IN THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

LEAD QUALIFIERS.

Hoylake, June 17.

The splendid form of the British hopes, Compston, Henry Cotton and Tolley, and the indifferent form of the favourite, Bobby Jones, were features of to-day's play in the qualifying round of the Open Golf Championship.

Compston was nine strokes better than Bobby Jones and heads the list of the 112 players who qualified.

Those who competed at Hoylake played on the Wallasey course to-day and vice versa. The leading hundred will start in the championship proper to-morrow and indications are that scores of about 160 will qualify.

Compston set a hot pace at Wallasey when he went round in 71. He did the Hoylake course in 70 and so qualifies with 141. Cyril Tolley led at Hoylake, going round in 75. He did Wallasey in 72, thus qualifying with 147.—*Reuter.*

Later. Scores of 158 inclusive have qualified in the Open Golf Championship. All the notable Americans have survived, but Arthur Havers, the last Englishman to win the title, was amongst the failures. The leaders in the qualifying round are as follows:

Compston	70+71=141
Henry Cotton	73+70=143
W. Twine	68+76=144
Diegel	70+75=145
Allis	73+72=145
Tolley	72+75=147
Van Elm	71+76=147
E. Whitcombe	74+74=148
Mitchell	76+73=149
Jones	73+77=150
Horton Smith	75+76=151
Duncan	74+82=156

—*Reuter.*

SEGRAVE'S REMAINS CREMATED.

WREATHS PLACED ON THE CENOTAPH.

London, June 17.

The body of Sir Henry Segrave, who was killed after breaking the motor-boat speed record on Lake Windermere, was cremated at Golden's Green Crematorium to-day.

The funeral was of the simplest nature. The coffin, across which lay the Union Jack, was covered with wreaths. Some of these came from representatives of Colonial and Foreign Governments, and there were tiny circles of summer flowers from humble folk.

Lady Segrave decided that some of the wreaths should be placed on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Memorial cards bore such inscriptions as "To a brave man," and "To a very courageous gentleman."

A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, Canon Carnegie officiating. General Trotter represented the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister was also represented.—*British Wireless.*

GRIMSBY TRAWLER FIRED AT.

DANISH GUNBOAT USES LIVE SHELLS.

London, June 17.

In the House of Commons, a question was asked whether the Foreign Office had received any report of the firing of four live shells by a Danish gunboat on a Grimsby trawler on May 28th, in Iceland waters.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the attention of the Foreign Secretary had been called to this incident, and he would certainly make representations to the Danish Government if he found the circumstances warranted such a course. The matter was under consideration.—*British Wireless.*

The new luxury liner, Empress of Japan, left Southampton on Saturday and is due at Quebec on Friday next. She later returns to Southampton, where she is due on July 1st, and will arrive in Hongkong on August 1st.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

GLAMORGAN BEATEN BY NOTTS.

GLOUCESTER GO DOWN BY A NARROW MARGIN.

ESSEX SUCCESSFUL.

London, June 17.

Three of the seven County cricket fixtures ended to-day with decisive results, Nottinghamshire, Essex and Hampshire gaining the full points. Surrey, Worcester, Sussex and Yorkshire won on the first innings. The matches produced seven centuries and some good bowling performances, Boyes of Hampshire taking six wickets for 18 runs.

Results in Brief.

Notts. beat Glamorgan by seven wickets at Cardiff. Essex beat Northants at Leyton by 114 runs. Hampshire beat Gloucester by 28 runs at Southampton. Surrey won on the first innings against Lancashire at Manchester. Worcester won on the first innings at Dudley against Warwick. Sussex won on the first innings against Leicester at Horsham. Yorkshire won in the first innings against Middlesex at Lord's.

The Honours List.

The principal batting and bowling performances during the County matches which concluded to-day are set out below:

Batting

Iddon (Lanes)	136
Lyons (Gloucester)	132
Nichol (Worcester)	127
Parsons (Warwick)	114*
G. Gunn (Notts)	114
Bakewell (Northants)	110
Gregory (Surrey)	101
Sandham (Surrey)	98
Mitchell (Yorks)	92
Hearne (Middlesex)	80

* Not Out.

Bowling

Boyes (Hants)	6 for 18
Lyons (Essex)	4 for 20
Langridge (Sussex)	4 for 14
A. Staples (Notts)	4 for 44
Voce (Notts)	4 for 62
Clarke (Northants)	4 for 54
Goddard (Gloucester)	5 for 43
Newman (Hants)	5 for 84
Allom (Surrey)	4 for 61
Jackson (Worcester)	4 for 60
Durston (Middlesex)	6 for 75

Notts. v. Glamorgan.

Glamorgan batted first and compiled 194 from good Nottinghamshire bowling. When Notts. went in, however, George Gunn made a great stand and contributed 114 to his team's total of 346. Glamorgan did a little better when they went to the wicket again, making 217 this time. Voce took four for 62 and Arthur Staples four for 44. Notts. got the necessary 68 runs for victory for the loss of three wickets.

Essex v. Northants.

A feature of this match was the bowling of Dyer who skittled out four Northants' batsmen in the first innings for the loss of only 2 runs. Essex made 189 in their first knock, Clarke proving a difficult bowler to play. He took four wickets for 54. Northants failed miserably in their batting, the whole team being sent back for a very modest 94.

Essex replied with 234 in the second innings, Clarke again being on the mark and taking four wickets for 66 runs. The task set Northants, however, proved much too formidable and the team was dismissed for 213, despite a gallant stand by Bakewell who contributed 110 to the total before his wicket fell.

Hants. v. Gloucester.

Hampshire batted well in their first innings and piled up 339 runs from Gloucestershire's bowling. Gloucester replied with 310, Lyon playing a fine innings and scoring 132. Newman took five wickets for 84 runs. Hampshire failed to repeat their earlier batting performance when they went in again and they had to be content with a total of 193. Gloucester had a comparatively easy task but they failed to reach their opponent's total by 28 runs.

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

NET REVENUE OF \$138,767
FOR LAST YEAR.

The annual report for 1929 of the Kowloon-Canton Railway records net revenue amounting to \$138,767.19 notwithstanding the general depression of trade in the Colony and South China, and a further reduction in the Capital Account of \$143,507.99.

Through Traffic.—During the first four months of the year, through traffic increased steadily and promised well for a very successful year. In May, however, these anticipations received a check, as all through traffic with Canton was suspended from the 8th to the 26th owing to damage caused to an important bridge on the Chinese Section at a point 34 miles from Canton, through an attempt to blow it up, which destroyed a pivot bearing of one of the three 100 foot steel spans.

Through traffic to Canton was again suspended from the 13th December to the end of the year by the serious damage to another important bridge on the Chinese Section at 33 miles from Canton, when the abutting ends of two of the three 60-foot steel spans were destroyed by explosives.

On the following day, two of the three 15-foot steel spans of a third bridge at 26 miles from Canton were blown up and one of the masonry piers seriously damaged.

A Serious Loss.

These interruptions to through traffic caused a serious loss to both the Chinese and British Sections, for during the suspensions the through traffic naturally reverted to the River boats as the only other means of transport between Canton and Hongkong, with the consequence that on the resumption of the rail service, a large proportion of the regular rail traffic was lost for several months, as is clearly indicated by the following figures which give the numbers of passengers carried by the through express trains for each month of the last two years:

	1928	1929
January	29,337	77,102
February	46,052	81,305
March	50,271	90,294
April	65,866	102,504
May	48,669	29,123
June	41,439	58,708
July	51,628	56,852
August	49,695	60,853
September	50,138	68,456
October	59,723	64,769
November	56,141	62,615
December	69,669	18,596

Passengers Increase.

The numbers of through passengers by express trains, despite the suspensions of through traffic for 37 days and their after-effects, showed increases of 21% from Kowloon and 25% from Canton, on the figures for the previous year. The increases in the number of through and joint sectional passengers were 21% from the British to the Chinese Section and 20% from the Chinese to the British.

With regard to the revenue derived from through passenger traffic, it should be pointed out that as all fares are the same in either direction, owing to the difference in Canton and Hongkong currencies, the British Section's share of all receipts on down through passenger traffic is reduced by 20%.

Through and Joint Sectional goods traffic declined by 15% on the figures for 1928, although of the total revenue from this source, 80% emanated from the British Section and of the through goods traffic alone that from Kowloon was double that from Canton.

All express trains between Kowloon and Canton continued to be hauled by British Section engines as previously, but unfortunately, owing to the track conditions on the Chinese Section, no acceleration in speed was permissible, and the journey continued to take approximately four hours.

Local Passenger Traffic.

This showed a decided improvement over the previous year of

HONGKONG MARRIAGE REGISTER.

FEWER WEDDING IN COLONY
LAST YEAR.

The number of marriages celebrated in the Colony during the year 1929 was 225, of which 94 were between Chinese persons, as compared with 236 and 105 respectively in 1928, a decrease of 11, according to the annual report of the Registrar of Marriages.

Of this number 29 were marriages by special licence, 10 being solemnised at licensed places of worship and 19 at the office of the Registrar.

Marriages by Registrar's certificate numbered 196. Of these 160 were solemnised at licensed places of worship and 46 at the office of the Registrar.

The fees received during the year totalled \$2,440.75 of which \$1,500 was for special licences.

over 8% in the numbers carried, and over 10% in the revenue from that source. Local goods traffic, despite competition by road motor transport and a general reduction in the tariff, showed a pleasing improvement of over 60% in revenue, partly due to the re-opening of the brickworks at Lowu.

The usual special trains were run for the Military Authorities during the camping season. Several special trains were run in connexion with Race Meetings at the Kwantai Course, Fanling, for which combined rail and entrance tickets were issued, the returns showing a progressive increase in popularity throughout the year.

The revenue from golfing traffic showed an upward tendency when compared with the previous year. That from the Royal Hongkong Golf Club increased by 7%, and the Country Club by 21%.

In spite of the fact that through express trains were suspended for 37 days during the year, the net revenue amounted to \$138,767.19 as against \$20,040.73 for 1928. Unfortunately a claim for the period of suspension of through traffic amounting to \$23,966.40 was not settled and therefore could not be included in the Revenue Account.

Referring to the Revenue Account, the local passenger receipts amounted to \$316,449.24 as compared with \$289,307.96 for the previous year. The goods receipts were \$26,444.19, an increase of \$9,797.06.

The rise in the passenger receipts is due to a greater number of passengers carried, while the goods traffic has also improved, but the additional revenue under Goods is largely due to country produce receipts being credited to this head instead of R-2, Passenger Service, as formerly.

The results of the past 5 years are as follow:

Year	Gross Receipts.	Operating Expenses.
1925	\$430,578.31	\$529,901.49
1926	538,044.73	639,787.80
1927	713,424.85	715,769.41
1928	820,994.90	800,554.17
1929	890,744.54	751,977.35

Claims outstanding against the Chinese Section on account of suspension of Through and Joint Sectional traffic, Hire of Rolling Stock and Demurrage which stood at \$997,596.21 increased by \$23,996.40.

Debits in respect of Demurrage and Hire of Rolling Stock for the year 1929 were accepted by the Administration of the Chinese Section and the accounts adjusted accordingly.

The Claims for Suspension of Traffic (1923 to 1929) and Demurrage of Wagons for 1924 and 1925 were however not accepted and the total outstanding at the end of the year was as follows: Suspension of Traffic 1923 to 1928, \$341,208.21; Suspension of Traffic (37 days in 1929) \$23,966.40; \$965,174.61. Demurrage of Wagons 1924 and 1925 \$56,388.00. Total due by Chinese Section to British Section \$1,021,562.61.

COUNCIL MEETING.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS
TO-MORROW.

The Legislative Council will meet to-morrow when several important resolutions (given fully elsewhere) relating to the Salaries Commission report, will be discussed.

Questions on juvenile offenders will be asked by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G. The questions are as follows:

1. Will the Government give the following information concerning Juvenile Offenders in respect of the year 1929:

(a) The number of boys and the number of girls, both under the age of 16 years (European reckoning), who were brought before the Magistrates.

(b) The respective numbers of such boys and girls who were convicted, with a classification showing—

(1) the number sent to prison;

(2) the number of previous convictions;

(3) whether the convictions were for felony or for other offences;

(4) in the latter case, the number of convictions under the Hawkers Regulations.

(c) The number of boys on whom the punishment of whipping was inflicted by order of the Magistrates, showing the number who received such punishment more than once during the period with a classification showing the type of offences for which the punishment was inflicted.

2. Will the Government also state:

(a) Whether or not children under the age of 16 years (European reckoning), while being detained at the Police Court or at the Gaol or in the precincts thereof awaiting trial, are so detained in company with adults who are charged with an offence, and who are not the relatives of such children.

(b) Whether or not such children, on being tried by a Magistrate, are placed in the dock with adult defendants who are not charged jointly with such children.

Aberdeen Water Scheme.

The Colonial Secretary will move—

"That with reference to the Colonial Secretary's motion of 2nd May, 1929, this Council approves the expenditure during 1929 of a further sum of \$41,188.32 on the Aberdeen Water Scheme, this sum to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the funds of the Colony pending the raising of a further loan."

Shing Mun Scheme.

The Colonial Secretary will move—

"That with reference to the Colonial Secretary's motion passed on 23rd September, 1929, this Council approves the expenditure of a further sum of \$613,922.78 from loan funds on the Shing Mun Valley Scheme during the year 1930."

Kai Tak Aerodrome.

The Colonial Secretary will move—

"That with reference to the Colonial Secretary's motion passed on 23rd September, 1929, this Council authorises the further sum of \$3,041.58 to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan for the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome and further approves the expenditure of this sum during the year 1929."

Shanghai, June 17.

The tender of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation to purchase the telephone undertaking has been accepted by both Councils.

The French Council meeting last evening agreed that the matter should go before the shareholders before final acceptance.—Our Own Correspondent.

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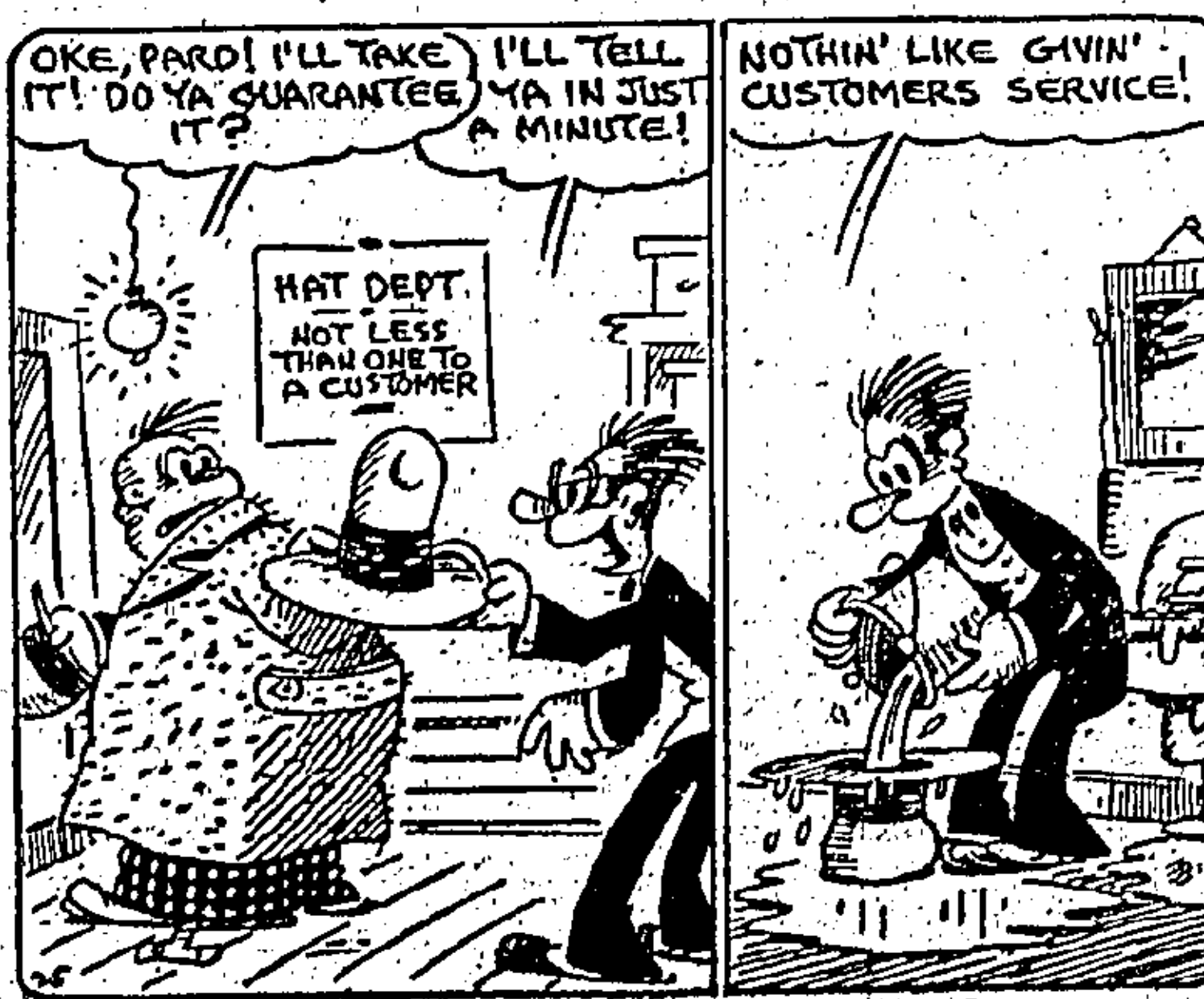


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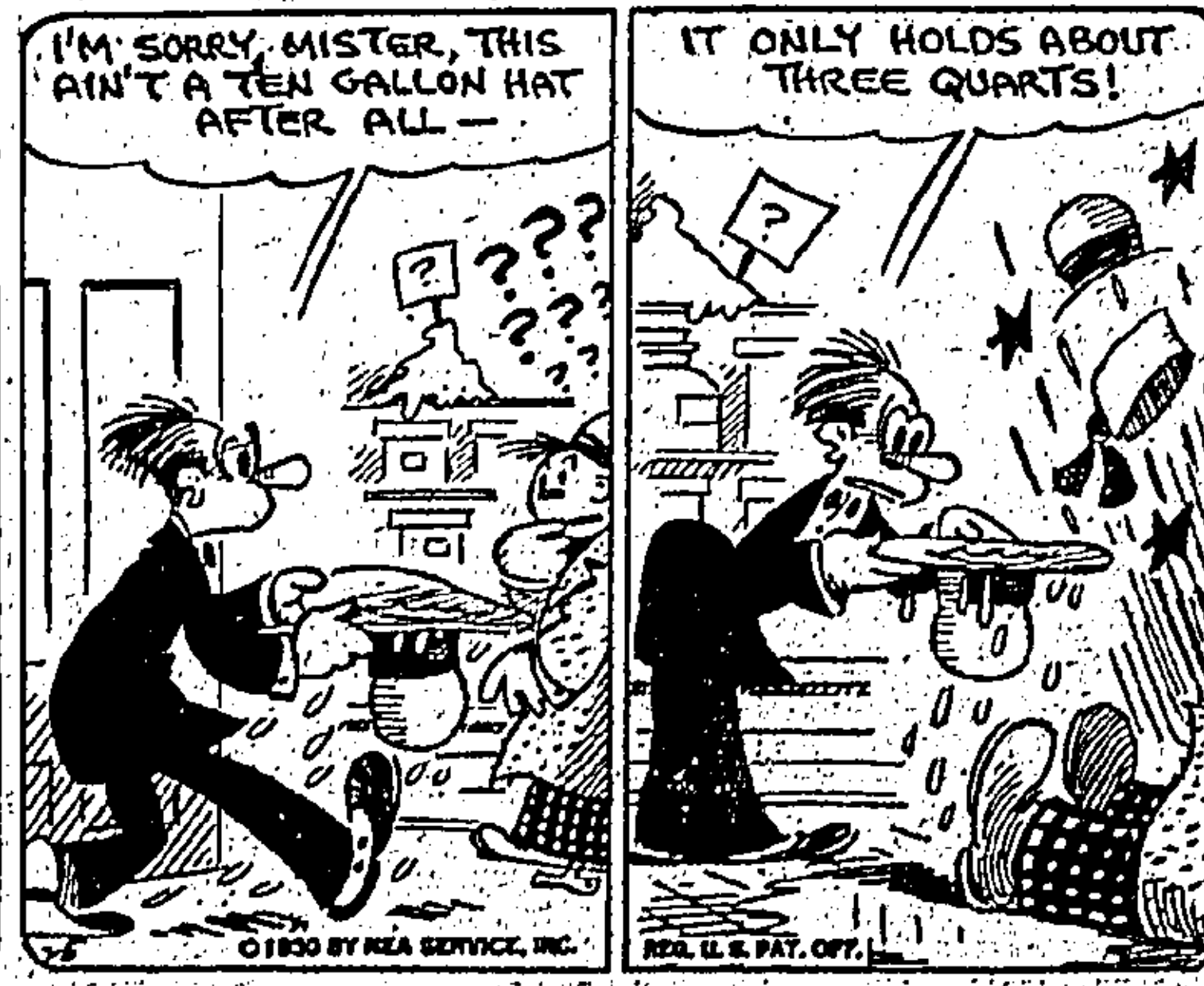
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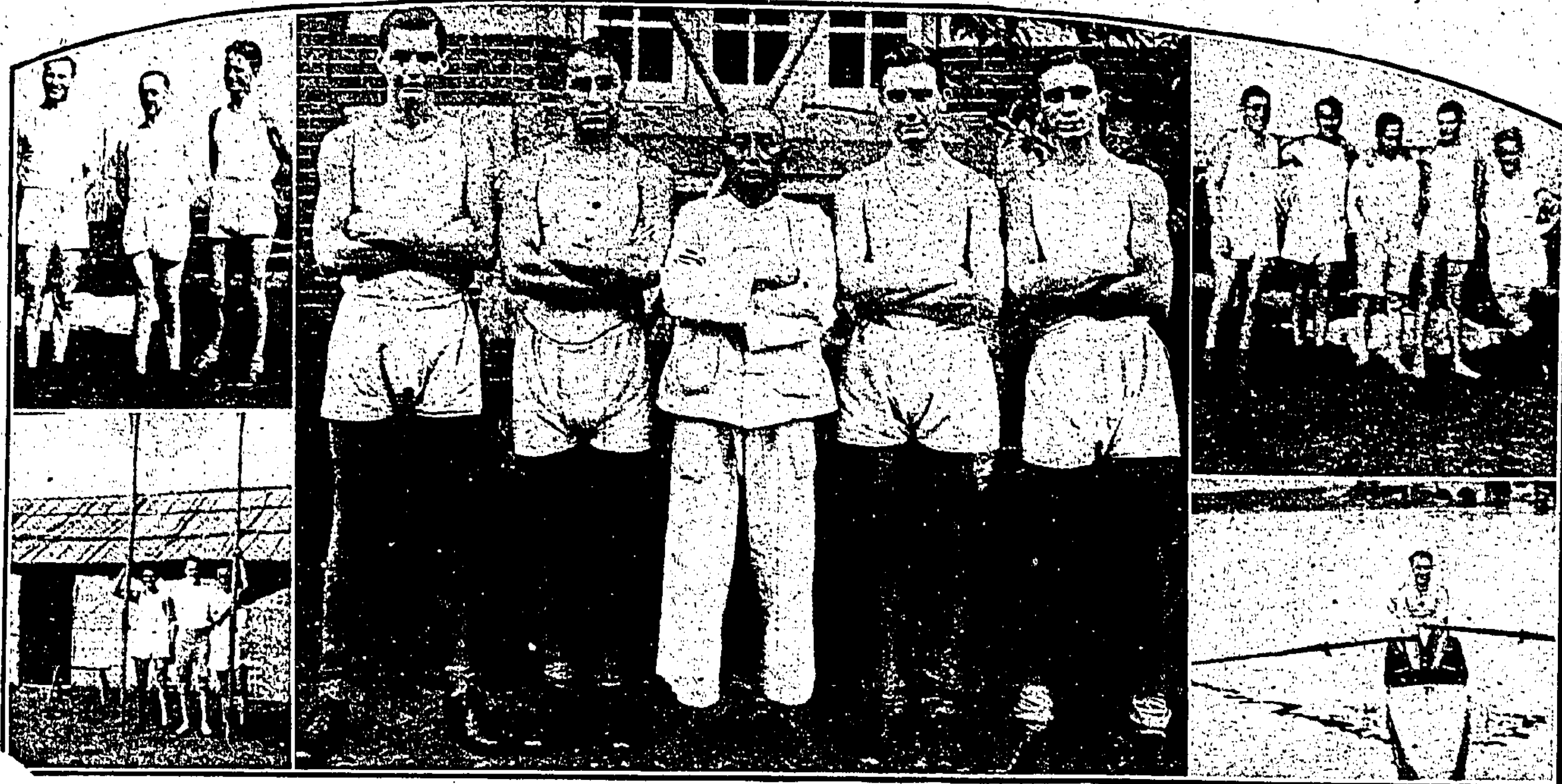


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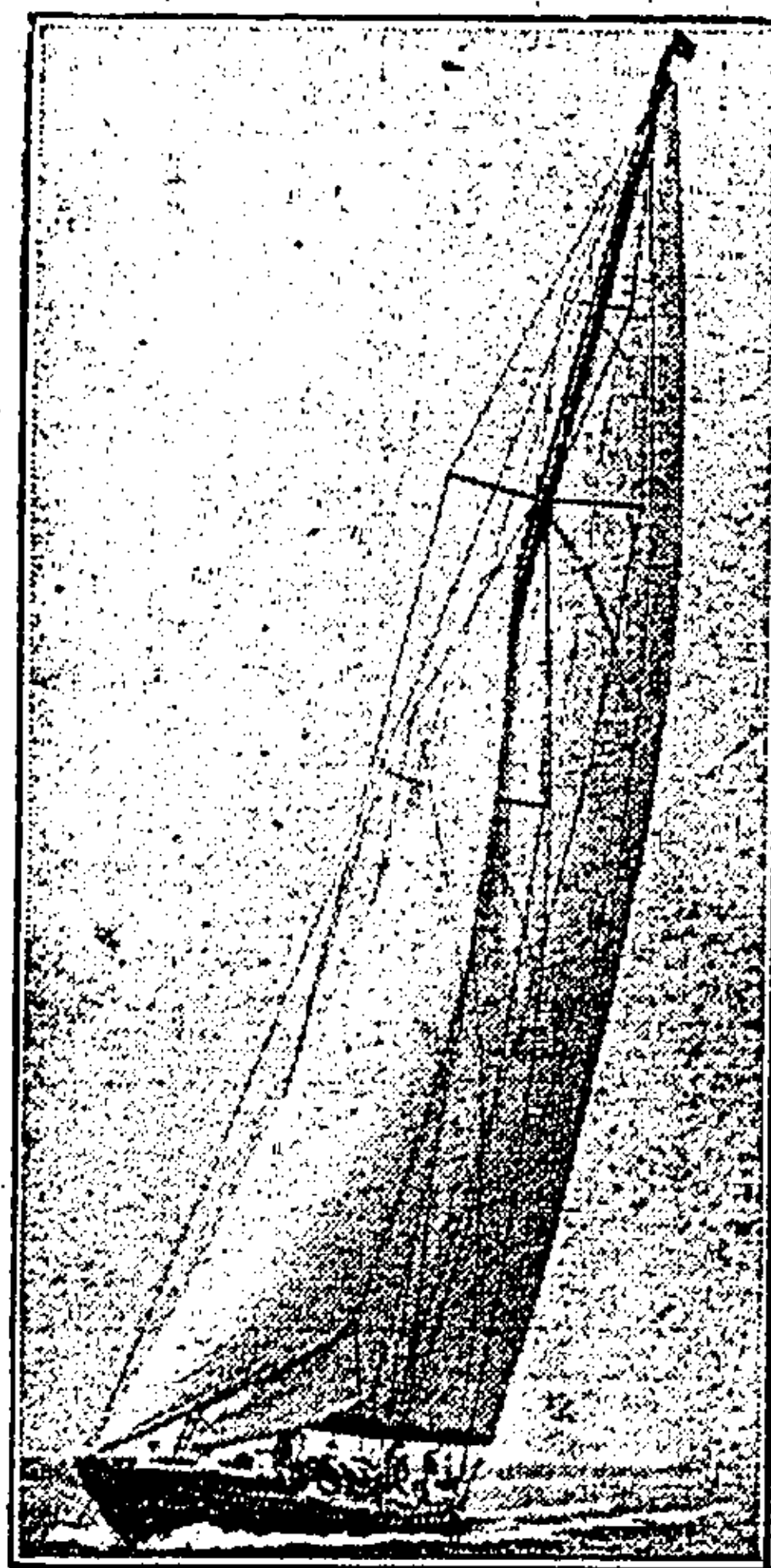




Some of Shanghai's oarsmen who will compete in the Shanghai Rowing Club's spring regatta at Henli, are shown above. Top left, A. W. Buck, B. Johanson, J. T. K. Jensen. Lower left, J. M. Benham, A. C. Sinclair, A. Netter. Centre, the youthful crew who recently rowed from Shanghai to Henli, and S.R.C. No. 1 loadah, who acted as cox. Left to right, J. D. Simpson, C. G. Clark, No. 1 loadah, W. R. Featherstonhaugh and W. Hassick. Top right, junior crew, C. R. Wheeler, C. G. Clark, C. M. Brown (cox), J. D. Simpson, J. W. W. Fete-Hunt. Bottom right, C. D. Clark.



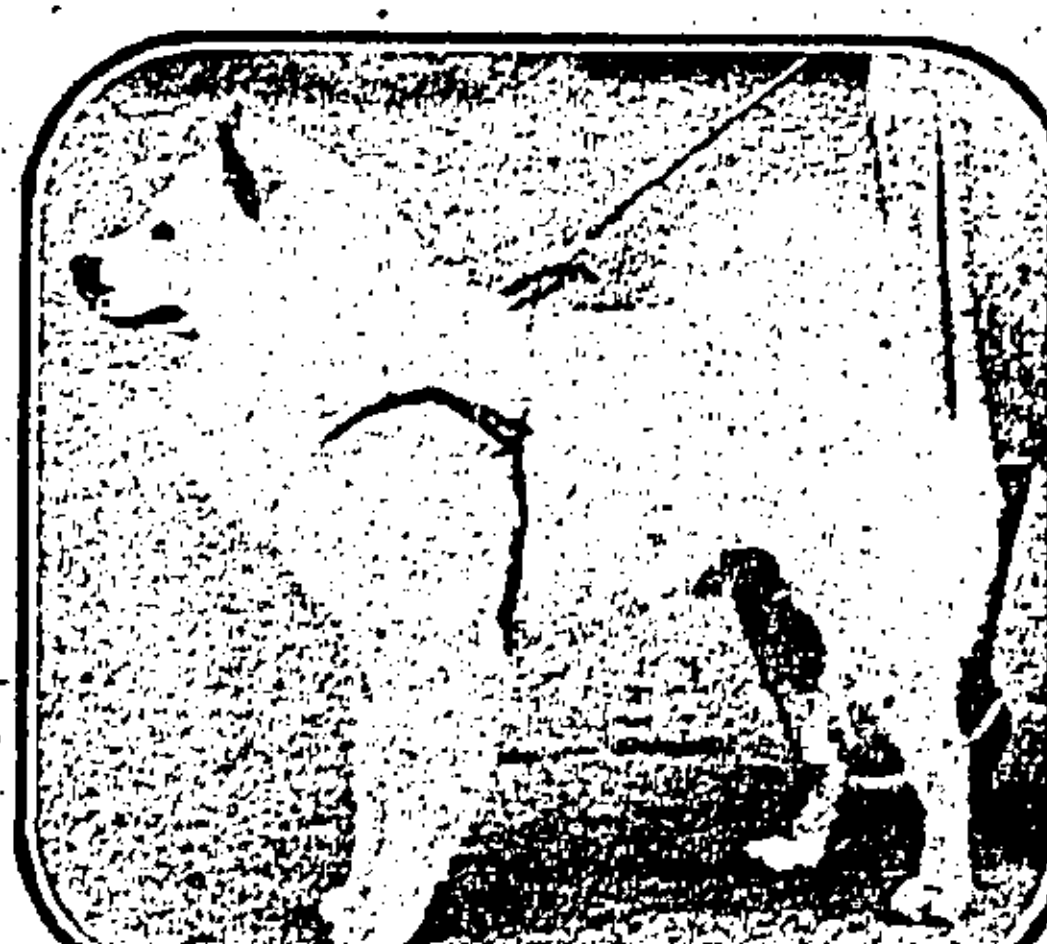
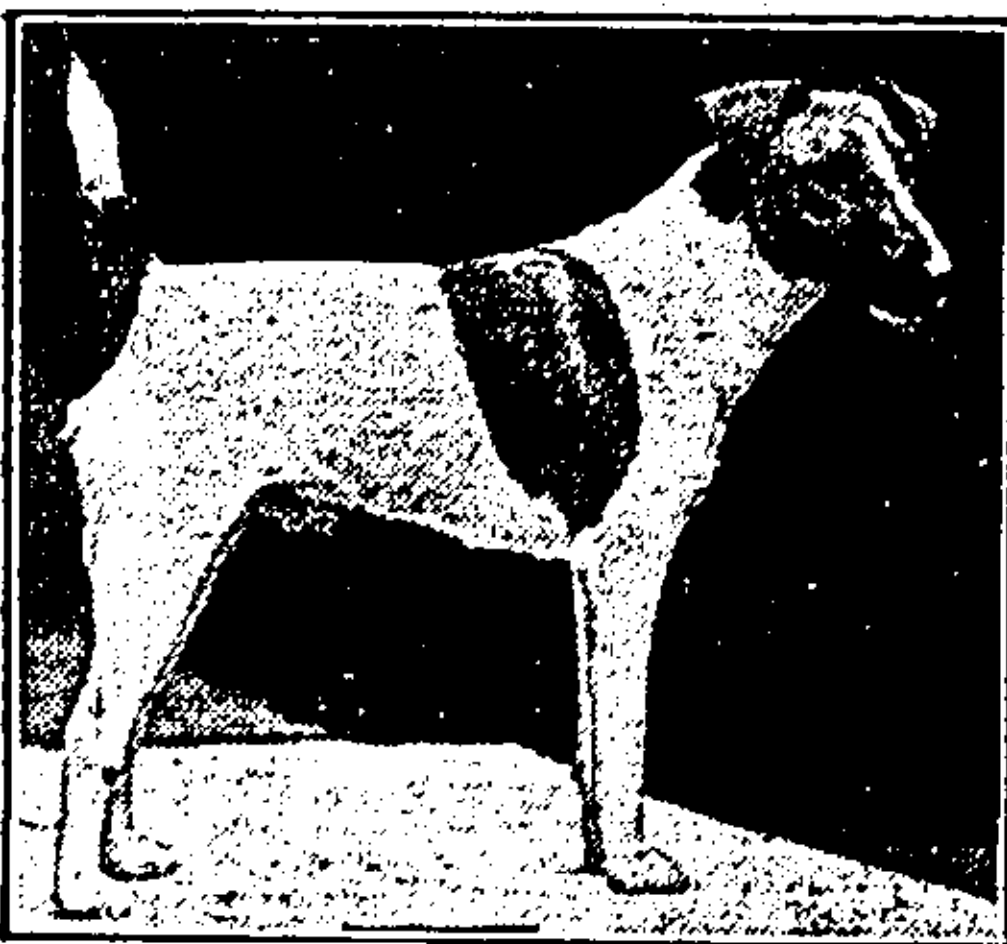
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Shamrock the Fifth is seen during a regatta at Harwich when she made her first appearance in a race and won from Cambria. (Times copyright.)



Miss Mozeile Toeg became the wife of Mr. Jason Joseph Isaac, of Hongkong, at Ohel-Rachel Synagogue Shanghai.



Some of the prizewinners at the Great Joint Terrier Show at Olympia—(left)—The Duchess of Newcastle's smooth fox terrier Ghosen Oohre of Notts winner of 11 first prizes. (Centre) Mrs. O. R. Williams's West Highland terrier Cooden Solaris, winner of four firsts. (Right)—Miss H. M. Claridge's Airedale terrier Standard Director, also a winner of four firsts. (Times copyright.)

"Chin-Chin," owned by Mrs. R. T. de Lahausse, first Chow prize winner at the Kennel Club's show at the Race Course, Shanghai.



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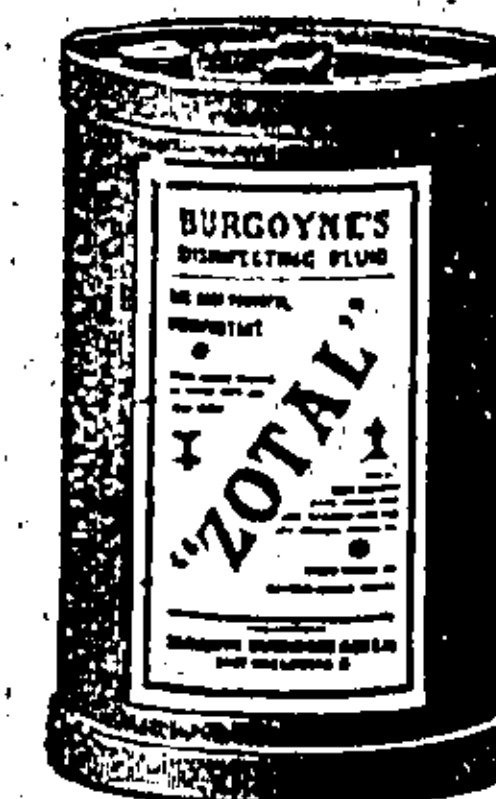
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C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 18th June, 1930.

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Auction to be held on Monday,
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Order of His Excellency the
Governor of one Lot of Crown
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Kok Tsui, in the Colony
of Hongkong, for a term
of 75 years, with the option
of renewal at a Crown Rent to
be fixed by the Surveyor of His
Majesty the King, for one
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2542	At junction of Butte Street, Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	1.00	108,900	\$102	\$159.2

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CINEMA NOTES.

"BIG TIME" TO BE SHOWN
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Daphne Pollard, celebrated
comedian of the screen, who
enacts the role of Sybil, trainer of
the seals, in "Big Time" Fox
Movietone all talking drama of
backstage life, has had consider-
able experience with seals during
her screen career embracing no
fewer than 30 comedies. On one
occasion, while playing a role in
"Run, Girl, Run" at the Mack
Sennett Studios, a seal bit her on
the leg and, since that time, she
has kept all seals at their proper
distance.

Steph Fetchit, the inimitable
coloured comedian who made
millions laugh in "The Ghost
Talks," and "The Fox Movietone
Follies of 1929," portrays the role
of keeper of the seals in "Big Time"
and it requires little stretch of
the imagination to vision what
this pair of fun makers do in this
screen drama of backstage life,
with its glamour, its heartbreaks
and its joys.

Lee Tracy, late star of "Broad-
way" in New York, and Mac
Clarke, another stage recruit from
Broadway, enact the leading roles
in this picture which is to open
on Thursday at the Queen's
Theatre.

Kenneth Hawks directed the
transfer of Wallace Smith's fast
moving story to the all talking
screen, while it was stage directed
by A. H. Van Buren.

"Salute"

The likes and dislikes of
America's millions of football fans
were kept uppermost in the mind
of John Ford, director of "Salute,"
showing at the Queen's Theatre
to-day while the screen's first all
talking gridiron picture was in
production.

Every precaution was taken to
make the West Point-Annapolis
game which climaxes the story not
only a thrilling affair, but a techni-
cally correct one also. The Army
team in the picture uses Army
formations and the team represent-
ing the Navy launches the same
plays drilled into midshipmen at
Annapolis by Coach Bill Ingram.

Players of national renown
comprise the "Army" and "Navy"
eleven. The referee, umpire,
field judge, timekeeper and lines-
men are accredited officials during
the college season. Ford and a
company of fifty spent six weeks
in Annapolis filming scenes in and
around the academy, including the
football field. George O'Brien, a
former high school and college
player, trained two months before
work on the picture began that he
might look as well as play the part
of an all-American West Point
half-back.

"Almost every one in America
is a football fan today," Ford says,
"and everyone is surprisingly well
informed on even the smallest de-
tails. When these people go to a
motion picture theatre to hear and
see a football game they want
enough to satisfy. A few glimpses
of two teams in action won't do.
They want to see the game start,
see its progress, see the tide of
battle ebb and flow and be right
on hand at the climax.

"I have tried to accomplish this
in 'Salute.' Thanks to the story
itself, to the players and to the
miraculous work of Joe August,
chief cameraman, and to the sound
experts, I think we have captured
something quite out of the ordi-
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Liege, June 16.
The Chinese Pavilion at the In-
ternational Exhibition being held
here was formally inaugurated
this afternoon in the presence of
the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, the
Commissioner General, Dr. Tsu
and M. Vandervelde, representing
the Government and the Directors
of the Exhibition.

Dr. Tsu recalled the bonds of
friendship uniting Belgium and
China, while M. Vandervelde
praised China's efforts in all fields
in recent years and thanked China
for participating in the Exhibi-
tion.—Reuter.

"If teachers in girls' boarding
schools would prohibit the use of
cosmetics, we would be able to
produce a race of women whose
complexions were as good as those
of men." This advice is given by
Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna, hon. der-
matologist of Liverpool Stanley
Hospital, in the British Medical
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 31st May)	President Cleveland	June 20.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	June 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 31st May)	Haruna Maru	June 22.
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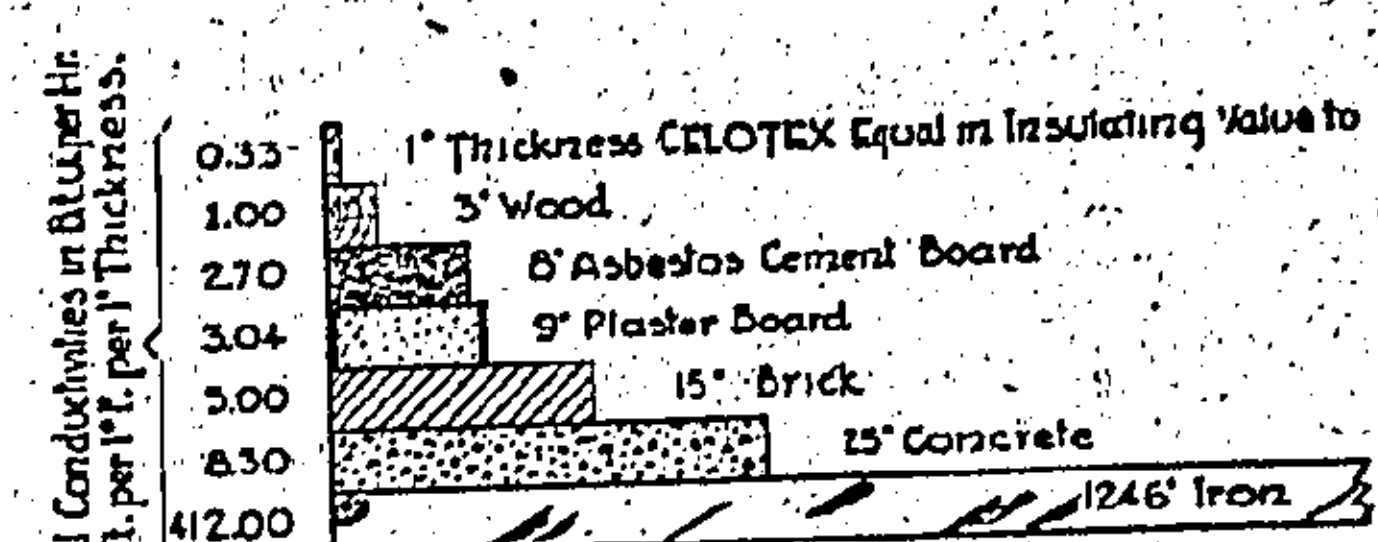
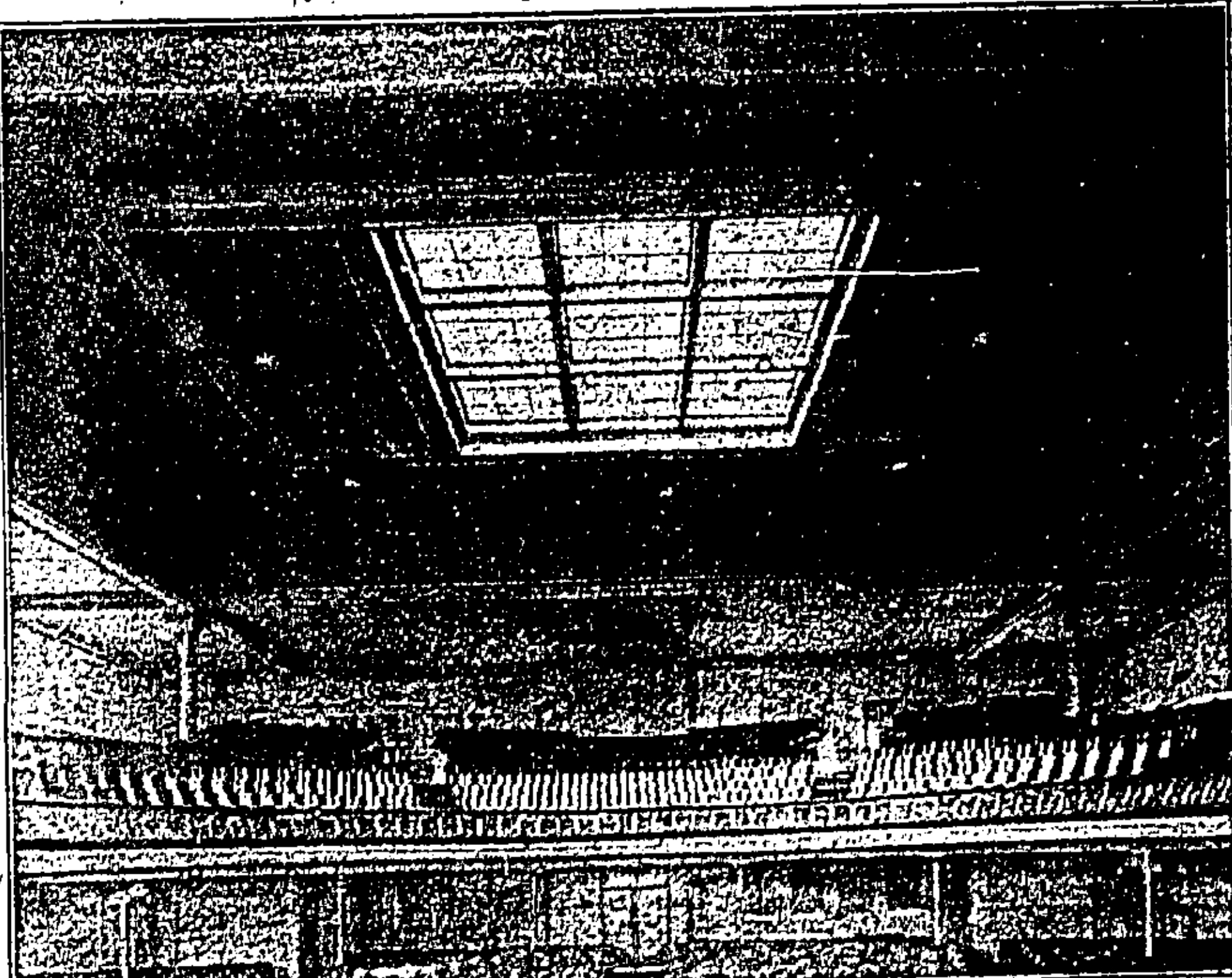
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Taiyuan	Wed., June 18, 3.30 p.m.
Kong Ning	Wed., June 18, 4 p.m.
Tatsuta Maru	Thurs., June 19, 10 a.m.
Registration	June 19, 8.30 a.m.
Letters	June 19, 9.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco, 10th July.)	
Cremer	Thurs., June 19, 10 a.m.
Del Maru	Thurs., June 19, 8.30 a.m.
G. G. Paul Doumer	
Shanghai	Thurs., June 19, 12.30 p.m.
Pyrrhus	Thurs., June 19, 2.30 p.m.
Taihybius	Thurs., June 19, 2.30 p.m.
Telenachus	Thurs., June 19, 2.30 p.m.
Hydrangea	Thurs., June 19, 3 p.m.
Cheong Shing	Thurs., June 19, 5 p.m.
Morea	Fri., June 20, 8.30 a.m.
Mishima Maru	Fri., June 20, 8.30 a.m.
Changte	Fri., June 20.
Parcels	19th 5 p.m.
Registration	20th, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	20th, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island, 1st July.)	
Haiching	Fri., June 20, 1 p.m.
Takada	Sat., June 21.
Parcels	noon
Letters	1 p.m.

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Ranpura	Sat., June 21.
K. P. O.	
Parcels	June 20, 4.30 p.m.
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Letters	June 21, 10 a.m.
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Registration	June 21, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	June 21, 10.30 a.m.
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Kiungchow	Sat., June 21, 5 p.m.
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Kayong	Sun., June 22, 9 a.m.
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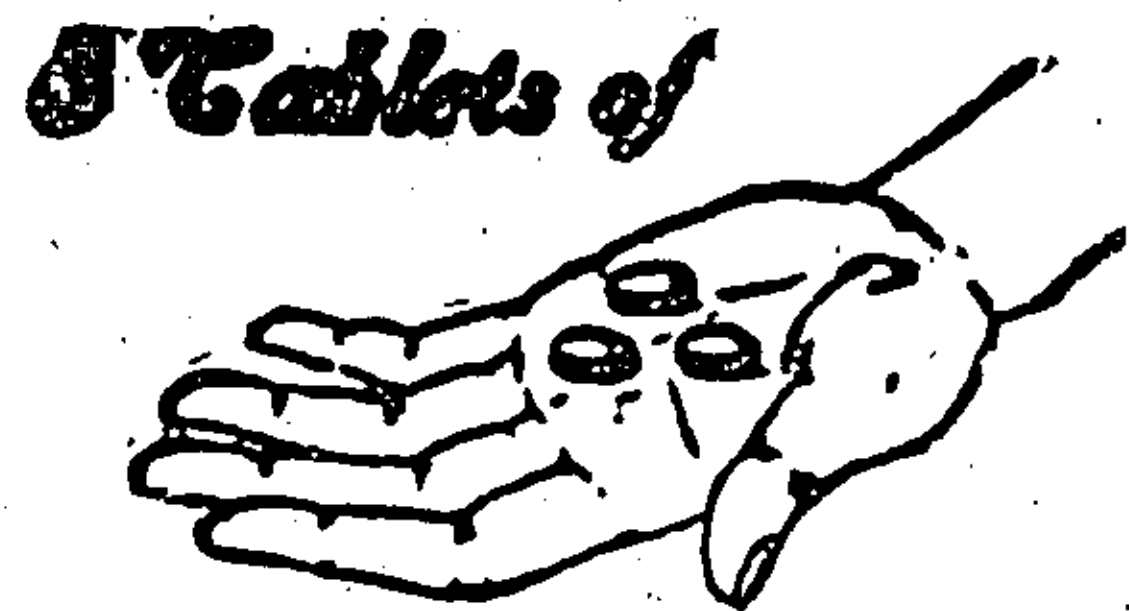
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TIENTSIN CUSTOMS SEIZURE.

AN UNWISE PRECEDENT
ESTABLISHED.

Tientsin, June 16.
(Delayed by Censor).
This morning the representatives of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan seized the local Customs House and took over complete control.
Mr. Lenox Simpson presented his credentials to Lt. Col. Hayley-Bell, appointing the former Commissioner of Customs.
The offices have been isolated, the telephone communications cut, and callers turned away. The Customs business has been suspended and the situation is in a state of deadlock.
Official notices issued by order of the Garrison Commander have been posted on the premises and in the vicinity, informing the public that the administration has been taken over by order of Yen Hsi-shan, and giving the assurance, *inter alia*, that adequate revenues will be deposited in the usual banks to cover the obligations of foreign loans secured on Customs revenues.
The Peking and Tientsin Times describes the events as the gravest in the history of the Chinese Customs, and fears that should Lt. Col. Hayley-Bell's efforts fail, the Customs administration will gradually disintegrate as the seizure will create a precedent which will be only too eagerly followed by militarists elsewhere in China.
The newspaper states that the most distasteful fact of all, that a Briton is involved in this attempt to destroy the integrity of the Customs, is a matter of serious concern.—*Reuter*.

"Shot As Deserters."

Tientsin, June 17.
Upon the arrival of Lt. Col. Hayley-Bell at the Customs offices on Monday morning the Chinese Superintendent of Customs formally notified him that the administration had been taken over by the Shansi party, and introduced Mr. Lenox Simpson as the new Commissioner.
After some discussion, Col. Hayley-Bell declared that his instructions were to evacuate the entire staff in the event of interference, whereupon Mr. Lenox Simpson retorted that any Chinese obeying the evacuation order would be shot as a deserter.
Col. Hayley-Bell prevented a crisis by agreeing to defer the order for twenty-four hours, pending instructions from Shanghai. In the meantime, Shansi soldiers in plain clothes occupied the compound and offices.—*Reuter*.

Complete Surprise.
Colonel Hayley-Bell, interviewed by *Reuter*, stated that the situation at present was at a standstill, pending instructions from the Inspector General of Customs.
The Commissioner said that the militarists' drastic action yesterday morning came as a complete surprise, as he had hoped the negotiations going on for some time past would result in an amicable agreement and prevent interference with the Customs' integrity. The Customs constituted the only solid thread in China's financial fabric, and should the local precedent pass unchallenged, the country's only hope of economic recovery seems to be completely doomed.
The Commissioner emphasised that his views on the situation were given non-politically and purely from a Customs standpoint.
The question now hinges on Shanghai's reply, regarding the proposed evacuation of the staff, who in the meantime are carrying on as usual under the new Commissioner, Mr. Lenox Simpson.

The New Commissioner.
Mr. Lenox Simpson, interviewed by *Reuter*, stated that yesterday's step was the only possible one left to the Northern faction, as it was ridiculous to continue to permit revenues from this area to swell Nanking's war chest. Customs administration to come to a reasonable compromise, but all these advances had been rigidly rejected.—*Reuter*.

TO-NIGHT'S BAND CONCERT.

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GIVEN AT K.F.C.

The arrangement of entertainments in the open air at this season of the year is apt to be a bit of a lottery. The uncertainty of the weather keeps everyone in suspense till the last minute. The postponement of the Public Band Concert in Kowloon last Wednesday was inevitable on account of the sodden condition of the ground and the grand stands. The understanding is that, if the rain interferes one Wednesday, the Concert is put off to the following Wednesday. Needless to say, the reservations of seats will be carried over to the next week, unless the holders wish to cancel the reservation, in which case the money will be returned by Anderson Music Company.

The Concert to be held this evening, if weather permits, is given by the Military Band of the 1st Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's), by kind permission of Lt. Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O., and Officers. There will be one or two items which will specially appeal to lovers of classical music. A feature of the programme is the number of solo instruments which will be heard. These include the euphonium, zylphone, piccolo and saxophone.

If the Concert should have to be postponed a second time, a notice to that effect will be put in the advertisement column of the afternoon papers.

Programme.

- 1—Band and Bugle March, "Sambre et Meuse," Rausky
 - 2—Overture, "William Tell," Rossini
 - 3—"Reminiscences of Wagner" Solo (Euphonium, Solo)
 - 4—"Loves Garden of Roses" Haydn Wood
 - Xylophone Solo, "The Imp," Kenneth J. Alford
 - 5—Potpourri, "Tangled Tunes," Keteby
 - 6—Piccolo Solo, "The Deep Blue Sea," Brewer
 - Saxophone Solo, "La Cinquantaine," Gabriel-Marie
 - 7—(a) "Minuet in B flat," Beethoven
(b) Serenade "Les Millions d'Arlequins," Drigo
 - 8—Excerpts from Musical Show, "Bitter Sweet," Noel Coward
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Mr. T. V. Soong's View.

Shanghai, June 17.
Mr. T. V. Soong in a statement says:

"The forcible seizure of the Tientsin Customs by the agents of the militarists constitutes a serious blow to national credit, endangering all future plans for financial rehabilitation, as well as the existing foreign and domestic obligations on the secured Customs. Col. Hayley-Bell has maintained the best traditions of the service in refusing to allow the disruption of the integrity of the Customs. Steps, however, are being taken which will ensure the collapse of this phase of the militarists' adventure very shortly."

"The desperate act of the Northern faction in trying to destroy the only possible instrument of national credit is a sufficient refutation of their own claim that they would very shortly be able to overthrow the National Government and establish a Government of their own."—*Reuter*.

MORE PRISONERS LAST YEAR.

REPORT OF THE SUPT.
OF PRISONS.

The Superintendent of Prisons, in his report for the year 1929, states:

The number of prisoners received into prison during the year and the corresponding number for 1928 were as follows:—

	1928.	1929.
Convicted by Ordinary Courts	4,895	4,773
Convicted by High Court	3	7
Debtors	80	66
On remand or in default of finding surety	778	933
Total	5,756	5,779

There was an increase in the number of prisoners convicted for larceny during the year under review, the number being 1,410 against 1,061 for the previous year. The number of Revenue Grade prisoners admitted to prisons was 2,717.

The above figures show that 77 per cent of the total admissions to prisons were Revenue Grade prisoners.

78 boys were admitted as Juveniles &c. under 16 years of age, during the year, with sentences varying from 48 hours detention to 9 months hard labour, but only 23 were treated as Juvenile Offenders; the others in the opinion of the Superintendent and Medical Officer being over 16 years of age. In 5 cases corporal punishment was awarded by courts in addition to sentences of imprisonment.

The percentage of convicted prisoners admitted to prison with previous convictions recorded against them, was 23.8 as compared with 19. for 1928. 126 prisoners were convicted by Police Courts in the New Territories, against 145 for the previous year.

Convicts.

The following table shows the number of convicts in custody on the 31st December for the past 10 years, and the percentage of the total number of prisoners in custody to the estimated population of Hongkong:—

Year.	Number of convicts.	Percentage of population.	Daily average number of prisoners.	Percentage of population.
1920	275	.048	755	.117
1921	231	.035	764	.115
1922	259	.039	787	.119
1923	294	.043	861	.126
1924	345	.049	1,066	.133
1925	394	.045	1,116	.128
1926	409	.052	1,054	.134
1927	492	.044	1,189	.136
1928	352	.033	1,071	.100
1929	331	.031	1,075	.100

Victoria Gaol.

15,611,413 forms were printed and issued to various Government Departments, and 101,384 books bound or repaired, as compared with 14,503,198 forms and 99,947 books in 1928. During the year type to the value of \$4,124 was cast.

Other work done in the Prison included, matmaking, tailoring, carpentering, tinsmithing, painting, laundering, shoemaking, soap-making, netmaking and basket-making, in addition to the necessary upkeep work of cooking, cleaning and minor building repairs.

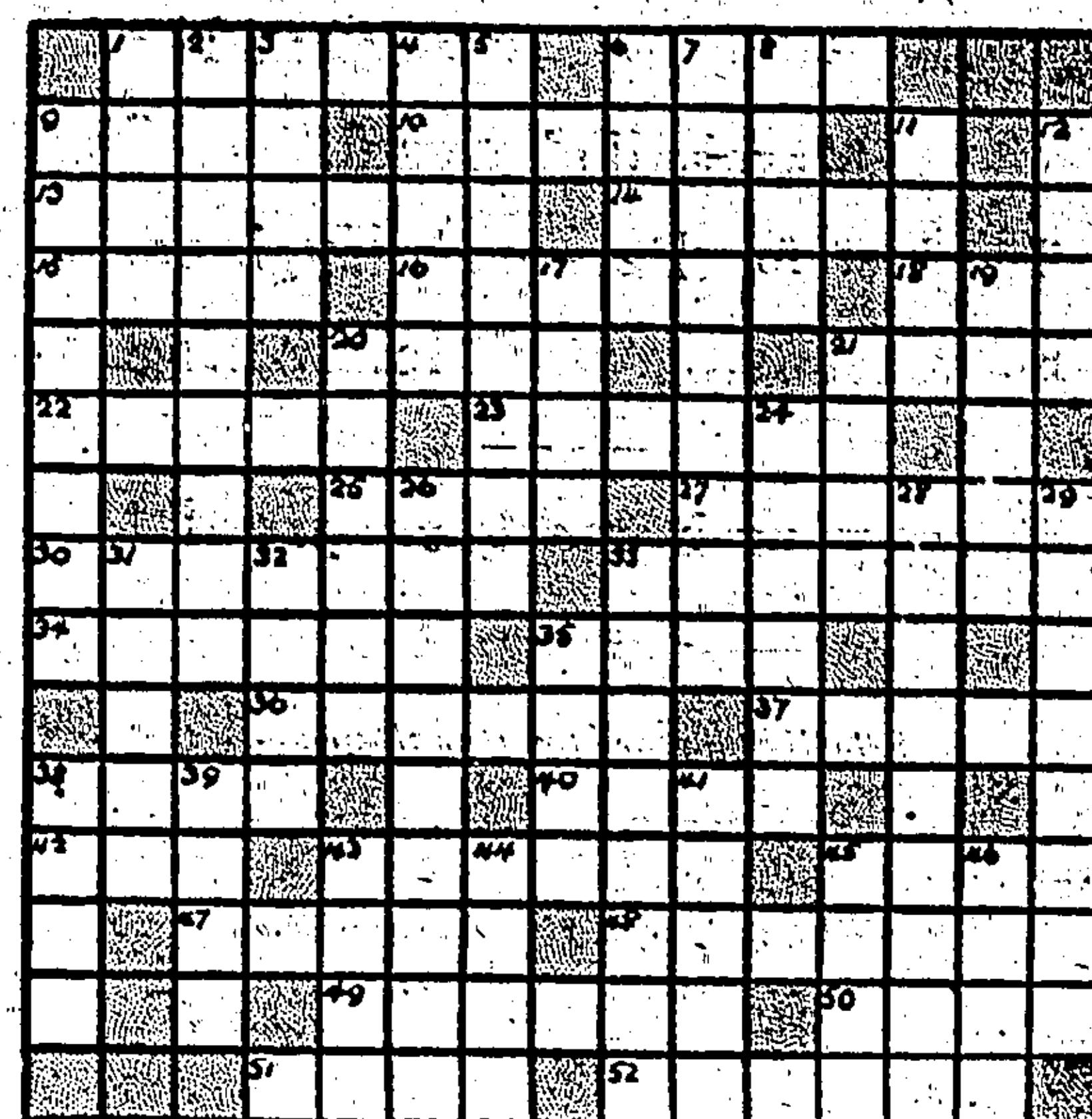
The Gaol was again overcrowded. Until a new prison is built this state of affairs is likely to continue. The estimated population of the Colony for 1929 was nearly double that of 1919.

Victoria Gaol, Female Prison.

This prison was also overcrowded and proposals were made to remove the female prisoners elsewhere. These proposals are under consideration.

During the year the working party of English and Chinese resident ladies continued to visit the Prison on Tuesdays and Fri-

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Across

- 1 Male goose.
- 6 Native of Scotland.
- 9 Satisfy.
- 10 One who owes.
- 13 Huge.
- 14 Annoint (Shak).
- 15 Item.
- 16 Land owners.
- 18 French measure.
- 20 Dissolve.
- 21 South American bird.
- 22 Cavity in a rock.
- 23 Thinner.
- 25 Stalk.
- 27 Slania.
- 30 Bolled.
- 33 Anything that produces reaction.
- 34 Pendant ornament.
- 35 Most good.
- 36 At rest.
- 37 Pupil.
- 38 Harness.
- 40 Sums up.
- 42 High mountain.
- 43 Fold.
- 45 Smaller escutcheon on an escutcheon.
- 47 Peel.
- 48 Pertain to the iris.
- 49 Takes into one's own family.
- 50 Extremes.
- 51 Singles.
- 52 We have five.

Down

- 1 Profit.
- 2 Poses.
- 3 Tidy.
- 4 Roman magistrate.
- 6 Revoked.
- 6 Heavenly body.

FISHING JUNK PIRATED.

OWNER AND TWO FOKIS
DIVE OVERBOARD.

The death of a member of the crew was the outcome of a piracy in British Waters which was committed somewhere between Nim Wan and Chek Wan on Monday morning on board a fishing junk which sailed from Sam Wan, Deep Bay, a short time previously.

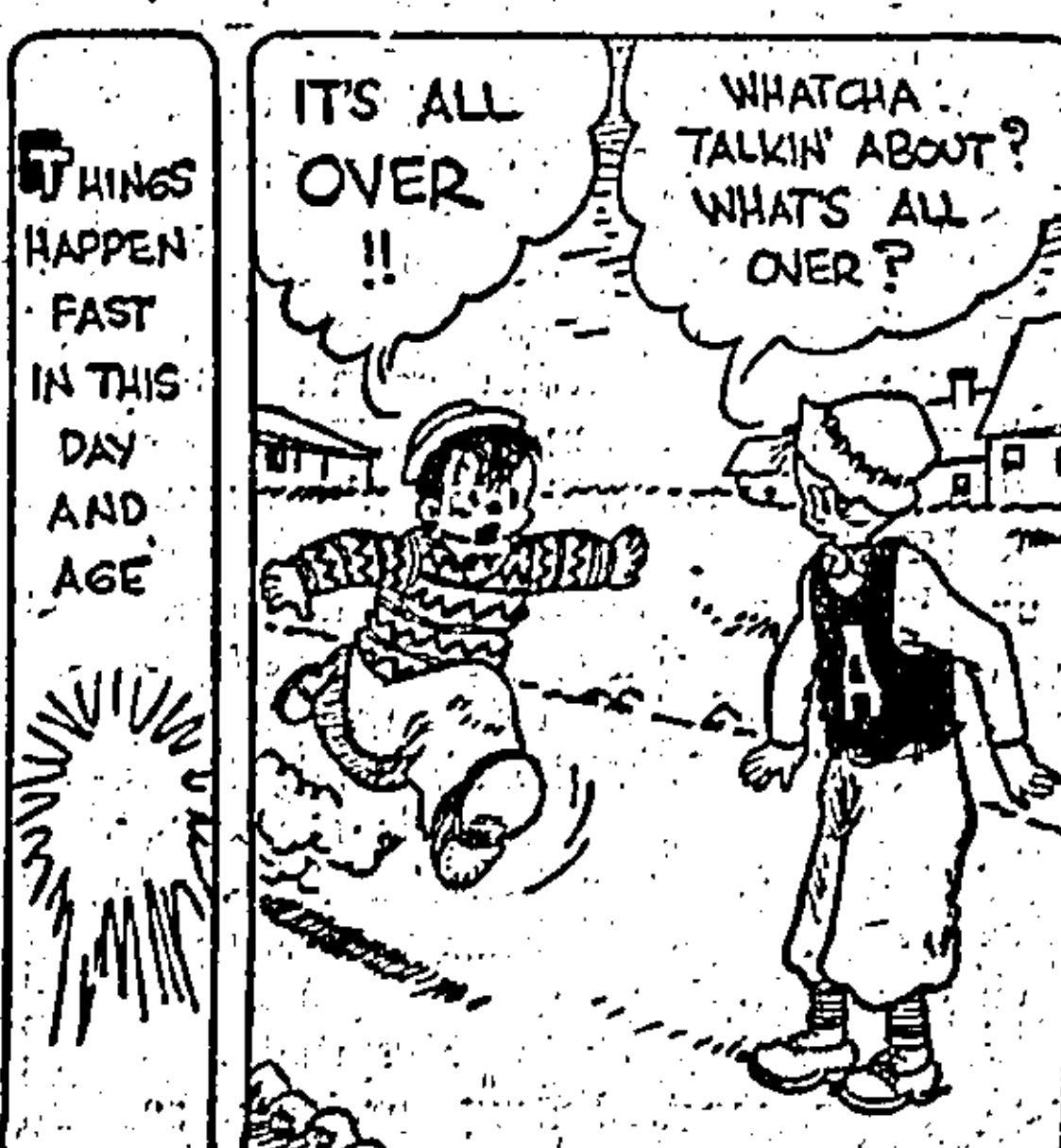
In his report to the Police, the owner of the junk, a boat of 235 piculs capacity, stated that he left Sam Wan in Deep Bay at midnight on Sunday and was proceeding in a westerly direction. After he had been sailing for about ten minutes he observed a small sampan a short distance away. The sampan was approaching them, and on nearing the junk several shots were fired. Two found their mark on the junk, causing the owner and two fokis to dive overboard.

The master and one of the fokis, however, were rescued by the robbers, but the third man disappeared and was not seen again.

The people on the sampan went alongside the fishing junk and after some of them had boarded, the owner was relieved of a sum of \$235 while the intruders also stole some clothing, the total loss being \$268.

After the men had secured all the valuables on board the fishing people were ordered to sail away, and they returned to Hongkong yesterday morning.

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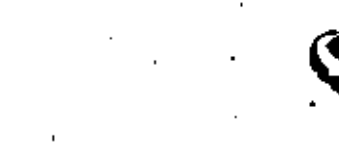
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1930.

OUR CURRENCY.

Little, if any, surprise will be felt by the public at the tenor of the Currency Committee's interim report. The conclusions reached are precisely in accord with expectations. In saying so much, we do not in any way reflect on the bona fides of those conducting the inquiry, but we do suggest that the members of the Committee have been unduly scared by the fear of reactions adverse to the Colony's trade if Hongkong decided to act altogether independently of China. The parrot-cry, "Wait for China," has been so often and so insistently repeated that it has come to be regarded as the essence of wisdom. It was trotted out by one after another of the witnesses whose interests are served by a perpetuation of the present system, and it appears to have impressed the Committee. What is noteworthy, however, is that no reasons are adduced to prove the point that this Colony would suffer by divorcing its currency from that of China. The assertion is made, but no argument is advanced in support of it. Indeed, excepting in regard to one aspect of the stabilisation question, the same may be said of the whole of the Committee's contentions. The exception is on the question of the disparity between the old and the new currencies in the event of stabilisation taking place immediately, or at any time whilst the dollar is low in sterling value. That is a point to which we shall revert later. On the general question of the absence of supporting reasons, we fully realise that the document just issued is merely an interim, or summarised, report. We shall at any rate expect the shortcoming to be made good when the final report is released.

The Committee, in reaching the conclusion that the present currency is most advantageous for the purposes of the trade of the Colony, is at pains to point out that the scope of the inquiry in this respect was confined, by the terms of reference, to trade. This fact unfortunately ruled out of consideration the effects of a currency, based on such a fluctuating commodity as silver, on the expenditure of Government, which is mostly in sterling, and on the cost of living of residents of the Colony. We presume that even the Currency Committee would not consider our present currency

ideal from these standpoints. The only point outstanding, therefore, is the desirability of the currency from a trade point of view, and, as we say, no reasons have so far been brought forward to prove that a change would be injurious. We do, however, know that Professor Robertson, an independent witness with expert knowledge as an economist, took a totally different view from that now expressed by the Committee.

One of the most interesting of the Committee's suggestions is that relating to measures to be taken so that Hongkong may not be caught napping by a sudden decision on the part of China to switch from silver to gold. The proposal is that, to meet such an eventuality, data should be placed before expert opinion so that a feasible scheme may be worked out whereby this Colony could follow suit with as little trouble and expense as possible. If by "expert opinion" is meant the services of an expert outside the Colony, as we presume it is, does it not follow that in reaching the conclusion that immediate stabilisation is impracticable the Committee has done so without expert guidance on the matter? It is certainly conceivable that if an outside expert were supplied with complete data and asked for his advice on stabilisation quite apart from what China might or might not do, he might be able to demonstrate the feasibility of the idea and show how the change could be made.

One other point in conclusion. The Committee argues that the present time is most inopportune to introduce stabilisation, inasmuch as present holdings of silver would have to be sold for what they would obtain in the new currency, and because stabilisation could not be effected at any arbitrary higher figure. But let us assume that when China changes over to gold our dollar is still low in sterling value; what becomes of the disparity argument then? The answer may be that this is precisely the type of problem on which expert opinion would advise. To which we would retort that the same expert opinion can be called in to deal with immediate application of the point. There may be ways and means whereby, without waiting for China, the transfer could be made without undue trouble or expense. An expert could tell us, anyhow. Moreover, a scheme has already been outlined locally which would appear to overcome the difficulties. Our reaction to the Committee's interim report is that the need of really expert advice, from an impartial source, is more strongly emphasised to-day than ever it was.

Mr. Lloyd George's Plan.

It is now obvious that the suggested arrangement between the Liberals and Labour for the latter to be kept in office in consideration of promoting legislation for electoral reform never in fact became a reality. Home political correspondents state that Labour will not be a party to proportional representation so ardently desired by the Liberals and to all intents and purposes there is no pact between the two minority parties and never has been. Mr. Lloyd George now makes another offer and promises to keep the Government in power if it will convene a special emergency session of Parliament to deal with a great unemployment measure. The Liberal leader suggests that unemployment should be treated as a national emergency and we imagine that few will disagree with him. The weekly figures continue to rise and there are general predictions that Britain's total unemployed will number at least 2,000,000 by Christmas. The Labour Party, for reasons well known and enumerated on countless occasions, has found itself utterly incapable of dealing with the problem. Mr. Thomas has done his utmost with the obvious remedies, but it is not a task for just one party. The time has now surely come when party politics must be set on one side in order that Britain's most difficult problem be

DAY BY DAY.

TRUE FREEDOM DOES NOT MEAN ABSENCE OF CONTROL, IT MEANS FULLNESS OF CONTROL OF ONESELF.
—Rev. R. C. Gillie.

A Chinese case of diphtheria was notified yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Ranpura, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

We are asked by the Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club to state that the Adamson Competition for June is cancelled, owing to insufficient entries.

Mrs. Leigh, of 11, Cameron Road, Kowloon, informed the Police yesterday that she lost a hand bag containing about \$50 in money, either on the Star Ferry or in a ricksha, about noon.

The loss of a pair of gold earrings, set with three small pearls, valued at \$10, from her bedroom at 3, Peking Road, was reported to the police by a Chinese married woman last night. The jewellery disappeared sometime between 10 p.m. on Monday and 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

Being a deportee from Singapore, where he had been convicted on several occasions, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing a rattan chair from a house in Shanghai Street, was given six months' hard labour.

Two building contractors and one property owner were each fined \$50 by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for allowing mosquitoes to breed on their land. In two cases larvae were found in sumps near the kitchens, while in the other pools of water constituted the menace.

Before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, Cheung Sau, the master of a trading junk was charged on two counts, (a) failing to report the arrival of his junk on June 16 and (b) leaving the port without a clearance. Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$10 on each.

Following a fight between two young Chinese at the Yau-mat Market, one of the men was struck with a chopper and received injuries to his chest and back necessitating his detention in hospital for three days. The assailant was brought before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and fined \$25, while both were bound over.

An Austin Seven motor-car, owned and driven by Mr. J. E. Richardson, of the Public Works Department, came into collision with a taxi at the junction of Macdonnell Road and Garden Road yesterday evening. Some damage was done to both vehicles. No personal injuries were received by Mr. Richardson, the driver of the taxi or the Japanese passenger who was in the vehicle.

SHIP NEW TO THE PORT.

ACARDO ARRIVES WITH OIL CARGO.

With 7,600 tons of kerosine and benzene on board, the British steamer Acardo left Balikpapan for this port on June 11 and arrived here on her first visit at 9.30 p.m. yesterday. Capt. Davies is in command of the vessel with a crew of 11 British officers and 39 Asiatic seamen.

Owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., for whom the A.P.C. are the local agents, the Acardo is a steel screw steamer of 5,767 gross tonnage and 3,423 net tonnage. She was built in 1921 by the Union Construction Co. and has a length of 412 feet, a beam of 53.4 feet and a depth of 30.9 feet. She is registered at London.

faced fairly and squarely. Mr. Lloyd George hints at a great unemployment measure, but the significance of his move is we believe, a sincere desire to stem the tide if it is possible to stem it. Here is a call to the Premier which cannot easily be ignored. He is not in a position to refuse any possible solution, any suggestions which may help towards ameliorating industrial conditions in England. National emergencies, mobilisation of State resources and other such phrases are grave utterances in times of peace, but Mr. MacDonald will well realise the seriousness of the situation and may well agree with Mr. Lloyd George on this issue. The offer of a guaranteed majority for the Government should not be necessary to make Mr. MacDonald fall in with the Liberal's suggestions. Unemployment has become a national emergency in England and it is little use any one pretending longer that the methods so far tried can make any appreciable difference or that hope and platitudes will carry Britain through.

A SIMPLE STORY.

Brown and the Slump in the Dollar.

Just plain Brown was his name, unhyphenated and unassuming. And he came to Hongkong some years ago, because it was before the war, and he went to the war and he came back again after the war, and he said to his wife, for he was married and had several children, "I am glad that they are going to make England a place fit for heroes to live in, because although we will not go to live there until 1930, it is very nice to know, and we are very happy here and can save some money."

And the dollar went up to six shillings and he said "We will buy some sterling and keep it in the bank at Home because that will be all the better when we go Home in 1930." And he did not buy shares in Hongkong because, he said, he did not know which were the good ones, so he just saved up all he could. And just a few years before he was going Home for good, he said that it would be nice to have some savings invested in something safe, and the Government invited him to buy some of the Hongkong Government loan which would pay him 6%, and he said to his wife that that would be very safe and nice because he did not know anything about shares in England either, so he sent to England and told them to send out his savings in the bank there, and the dollar was then worth 2/1 and he said that the Hongkong Government was the same as the British Empire, and they would always be sure of their income.

Then just as he was going Home to retire and live happily ever afterwards, something happened to the Hongkong dollar and his Hongkong Government Loan was worth five hundred pounds less than the money he brought from Home to buy it with, and he said "I do not know why it is, and we shall have to wait a longer time now, because we have not got as much as we had only one year ago and yet we have saved more dollars." And he thought it very hard especially when he remembered that England was a place for heroes to live in, but he said that these days it is only heroes who can live in Hongkong because they can't help it.

And his wife said that it was a pity he did not get a job with the Government because they got a lot of leave and a lot of pay and after they left off work for good they still got their pay till they died so they did not worry about the dollar. And he said that he was very sorry that he didn't, and he said that all young men working in offices should give up work and join the Government because then they would not lose their money.

NICOLA COMING.

MASTER MAGICIAN TO VISIT HONGKONG.

Nicola, who is recognised as one of the world's most famous magicians, is now touring the East and will be due to play at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, shortly. The name Nicola is famed the world over, a name which has topped the bill in almost every big city. Described as "The Whirlwind Magician," he is at present playing in the Straits Settlements with a company of international stars and beautiful Broadway girls. The company has been acclaimed everywhere for its music, mystery, comedy, gorgeous costumes and scenery.

The opening date of the season will be announced shortly, when advance booking facilities will be available.

WATER LEVELS.

ON WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River, on the dates named:

	June 16	June 17
Shiuhing	13.8	—
Tsingyuen	6.9	6.6
Samshui	7.3	7.9
Shedlung	2.4	1.3
The highest levels on record are:—Shiuhing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shedlung, 15.5 feet.		
The lowest level on record at Samshui is minus 5 feet and at Shedlung minus 2.7 feet.		

SOME RAIN LATER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the Northern depression has deepened and passed northward to the north of Japan. The southern depression is now central over S.W. and W. China. Conditions are uncertain over the N. China Sea. The local forecast is: East or variable winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain later.

The Very Idea!

An enthusiastic boxer is doing his training to music. It sounds a bright idea, hitting your sparring partner to time and rhythm, and stepping back without missing the beat when he gets one in on you. It brings back memories. The commanding officer of a company in a London Territorial battalion was struck with the idea that it would be helpful for his men to do physical drill to music. He fixed up with the regimental bandmaster and made a start. The next morning the Major, who had heard a rumour, came to look at D. Company doing jerks. He was an old regular. "What the deuce is this?" he roared out. "Training a d—d lot of ballet girls? Stop that band—men, put some pep in it!" That, at least, is the tenor of what he said.

"You worked for 30 years and brought up a large family on 15s. a week?" said the visitor, incredulously.

"Not so loud, sir; not so loud. The missus thought it was 14s. 9d. I was earning."

"My son has taken up Spanish, French, German and Scotch," remarked Mrs. Smith, proudly.

"Goodness gracious," replied her friend, "where does he study?"

"He doesn't study," the good lady explained; "he works a lift."

Quite a lot of sixpences, says a writer in a Home paper, can be made by a simple little test of other people's alertness. Of course, sometimes one is had oneself. This is what I witnessed last night in a club. One man, after carefully leading the conversation towards dressing habits, said to another: "Now, I'll bet you sixpence you don't button your waistcoat up in thirty seconds." The other man took him on, buttoned his waistcoat in six seconds—and lost his sixpence. Of course, he had, as most men do, buttoned his waistcoat down, not up.

Nurse: Jimmy, an angel has just brought you a baby brother. Would you like to see him?

Jimmy: I'd like to see the angel!

Innkeeper: Yes, Dick Turpin was once nearly caught in this very room!

Sardonic Visitor (opening eggs): Yes, and it strikes me he went off and left his breakfast!

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, June 17.
Brussels	34.85
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.36
Copenhagen	12.16
Vienna	34.45
Hamburg	19.3
Oslo	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	41.9/16
Shanghai	7/4
Yokohama	2/0 1/2
New York	4.85 25/82
Geneva	25.09
Milan	92.75
Stockholm	18.09
Oslo	13.15
Madrid	41.45
Athens	375
Rio	6.17/32
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Hongkong	1/2 1/2
Silver (spot)	15.13/16
Silver (forward)	15 1/2

—British Wireless.

WHO WAS—

D'ARTAGNAN?

The Three Musketeers, those gallant companions-in-arms, were not three, but four. Athos, Porthos, Aramis and D'Artagnan.

D'Artagnan was adopted into the little band on the day of his arrival in Paris, a thin, ill-nourished youth, come up from the South of France to seek his fortune. Fired with ambition to become a musketeer in Louis XIII's own special corps, he engaged in duels with the famous Three. From annoyance at his presumption, Athos, Porthos and Aramis were converted to admiration of his skill and bravery, which gained for him the entry into their friendship. Thereafter D'Artagnan shared their adventures, their good and ill fortune, through thick and thin, bearing an apparently charmed life, and it was his nimble wits and Gascon shrewdness which rescued them all from many a tight corner.

Such courage and intelligence were not destined to go unnoticed, and in the end he is Comte D'Artagnan, Marshal of France. The doings of the four are chronicled in Dumas' three great novels, Three Musketeers, Twenty Years After, and The Vicomte de Bragelonne. The diary of Henri de Batz-Castlemore, a famous soldier of the days of Louis XIV was the data on which Dumas based his conception of this gay soldier of fortune.

CRIME WITHOUT A MOTIVE.**CHINESE ON MURDER CHARGE AT SESSIONS.****UNDER DELUSIONS.**

Evidence that accused appeared to be under a delusion that someone wanted to kill him for \$30, resulted in the question of the sanity being raised when the Criminal Sessions commenced this morning at the Supreme Court before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). The case was one in which Fung Yan is charged with the murder of Tam Chap on April 28, 1930.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, and Mr. Thomas Tam, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, of Messrs. Lyson and Hall, is defending.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy said that the Crown did not allege any express malice but malice was implied. Accused killed Tam Chap, according to the prosecution, by striking him two blows on his head and one across his back with a chopper, and it was the wound on the back that eventually killed him.

Counsel went on to deal with the location of the house where the affair occurred, this being in the vicinity of No. 2 Police Station and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, a house numbered 345.

Three Blows Struck.

He continued that on the day in question, Tam Chap, with several others was taking a bath at the back of the house on the second floor when accused suddenly entered from the direction of the kitchen with a chopper in his hand. As Tam Chap was squatting, washing himself, accused hit him on the head with the chopper. A second blow was delivered which fractured the skull and a third blow at the back cut right through to the backbone, severing all the tissues and veins and arteries. Tam Chap was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and died there about two and a half hours later.

Mr. Fitzroy explained that evidence would be called to show that accused actually struck the blows. One of the other men present, who, like Tam Chap, were naked, ran into an adjoining room and another man hid himself under a quilt.

Arrest Outside House.

Accused attacked another man who defended himself with a stool and in the course of the struggle the chopper was knocked out of accused's hand. Accused was then tackled by another of the men, but he succeeded in escaping. He did not go far away, however, because on the following morning at seven o'clock he was arrested while standing on the pavement outside the house where the affair occurred.

Counsel commented it was an extraordinary thing that accused did not appear to have any motive for the crime at all. There seemed to be no quarrel between the two men, but the jury would realise that motive was not part of the Crown's case. It seemed that accused was in a queer state before the attack and appeared to be dwelling on the thought that he was going to be discharged from his work.

Wanted "The Old Man".

There was no doubt that he was not going to be discharged, but he was going to be transferred from Hongkong to Macao. During the struggle he said that he wanted to get hold of "the old man," meaning the proprietor of the firm for which he worked. So far as the Crown was concerned, evidence would be called to show that the deed was done and he did not think the jury would have any doubt but what accused did it.

Concluding, Mr. Fitzroy said that as accused's mental state might be dealt with by the defence, accused had been under observation by Dr. Thomas who would speak as to what he had discovered.

Giving evidence, Dr. G. H. Thomas said that when Tam Chap was admitted to hospital he was covered with blood and nearly unconscious. He was admitted at 4 p.m. and died one hour and five minutes later.

Witness conducted a post mortem examination and found two 6-inch wounds on the top of his head, which had fractured the skull and gone down to the brain tissue. There was a wound eight inches long on the back of his neck which had severed practically all the tissues of the neck to the spine.

Witness gave it as his opinion that the chopper (produced) could have inflicted the wounds.

Dealing with his observations of accused, Dr. Thomas said he had observed accused for seven days. When spoken to he did not seem to pay any attention but kept on

SNATCHER GIVEN MAXIMUM.**LADY ROBBED OF HANDBAG LAST NIGHT.****PRISON AND BIRCH.**

The maximum penalty within the powers of a Magistrate was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who appeared on a charge of snatching a handbag from a Chinese lady in Shanghai Street last night.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the offence.

Inspector Marks told his Worship that the complainant was walking in Shanghai Street, at about a quarter to ten last night, and on nearing Hamilton Street the defendant approached her from behind and snatched her bag. He ran away and, on the alarm being raised by the lady, two District Watchmen took up the chase.

The defendant discarded the handbag before he was arrested by a third District Watchman who was attracted to the scene by the blowing of police whistles. The bag contained \$20.20.

His Worship remarked that in a case of snatching a handbag the articles inside were immaterial, because the thief did not know what the bag contained.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Marks intimated that the complainant was not injured.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch was imposed.

NAMESAKES COMMIT SAME OFFENCE.**HARBOUR MASTER DOUBLES A PENALTY.**

A curious coincidence was related to the Hon. Comdr. G.F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning when the master of a passenger junk was charged with using his craft for the conveyance of women within the limits of the harbour for the purpose of prostitution.

Sub-Inspector Munro informed his Worship that only on Monday last a man named Chan So, which was also the present defendant's name was brought up on the same offence and was fined \$50. The present defendant was not the same man, however.

His Worship said, "During the last week, there have been several cases of this nature before me and on every occasion, I imposed fines of \$50. This does not seem to be enough to stop these offences and I shall now increase the fine to \$100 with the alternative of three months' imprisonment."

OPIUM FOUND ON A POSTMAN.**HIDDEN UNDER JACKET OF UNIFORM.**

A fine of \$500, or imprisonment for three months, was imposed on a Chinese who was caught on a steamer which had just arrived from Kongmoon yesterday morning. He had 3,000 heroin pills concealed under his tunic, and appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy to-day.

"What are you, a Government servant, doing carrying round opium?" Mr. Lindsell asked a postman who appeared before him at the Central Magistracy this morning. He was found with 28 tael under his jacket.

Revenue Officer Grimmer said defendant was wearing his postman's uniform when he was caught yesterday in Queen's Road Central, near Gilman Street.

A fine of \$3,000 or imprisonment for nine months was ordered.

THE DAVIS CUP.**JAPAN TO MEET ITALY IN ZONE FINAL.**

London, June 17. In the Davis Cup Competition, Japan beat Czechoslovakia by three matches to two.

Japan will now meet Italy in the final of the European zone.—*Reuter.*

Muttering to himself "300, they want to kill me," Witness asked him what he meant but he would not say. Accused showed no improvement during the seven days but kept on muttering that someone wanted to kill him for \$30.

Mr. Fitzroy.—At the time you ceased your observation, was he in a condition to understand what was going on?—I asked him where he was and he said "in prison" so that he seemed to know where he was.

It then appeared that other doctors had examined accused and were not now available and Mr. Fitzroy said he understood that only witness had observed him. He would, however, call Dr. Dovey, one of the doctors, if required.

The case is proceeding.

OPENING OF CASE CRITICISED.

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Bar a little longer he would get out of it.

Mr. Sheldon replying to Mr. Potter said that in his humble opinion he opened his case rightly. That he did not go through every figure was his friend's complaint. According to him he should have taken Mr. Hacker through all his calculations to find out how he arrived at his coefficient for the transmission of heat through cork. He put it to His Lordship that he could not know or anticipate what the defence would be on that question. It was not until it was put to Mr. Hacker that he had a single idea of the defence.

Mr. Potter said that was not his point. He wished for a statement as to the effect of the evidence of the plaintiff's witnesses. He never suggested that counsel should go into the details of calculation.

His Lordship asked Mr. Potter if he wished Mr. Hacker to be recalled. Counsel said he would leave that to His Lordship, but Mr. Sheldon said he thought it would be better if he was recalled. It was on a point which the defendants now absolutely denied, that all of the contractual temperatures were obtained from Mr. Brearley.

Evidence Continues.

Mr. Potter said he wished that denial to be put on record. It had only come out in Mr. Hacker's re-examination.

His Lordship observed that Mr. Hacker's examination had closed and he did not think the point could be re-opened.

Mr. Potter said he did not think so either. So long as their denial was recognised and that it was a point on which he had had no opportunity for cross-examination as it only emerged in the re-examination, he did not want Mr. Hacker recalled.

Mr. Rasey then continued the evidence which he began yesterday afternoon. Mr. Sheldon pointed out to him that it had been put by the defendants that Mr. Hacker's coefficient for the transmission of heat through cork walls was utterly wrong, although they had been given no details as to this. Did witness consider that Mr. Hacker's figures of 1.2 for 6 inch wall and 1.8 for 4 inch were wrong and misleading?

Mr. Rasey replied that he did not.

Universal Practice.

Mr. Hacker told us that there was low density and high density cork, and that in this plant and practically all refrigerating plants, that the low density cork was used.—That is right.

Is that the universal practice?—Yes, always.

There is a difference between these figures and those given by Mott—I have heard that engineers differ on occasions.

What are your figures for the coefficient of transmission of heat through cork?—For a 4-inch wall 2.4 and for 6 inch, 1.4. I work this out by a table.

Although you disagree with Mr. Hacker in details, the result is the same?—Yes. It will average out the same.

Referring to the temperature of produce when taken into the refrigerating chamber Mr. Sheldon asked: Would you expect to see produce at 90 degrees placed in a plant?—Not in a hotel plant. It is never designed for that. It can be done in cases of necessity.

The case is proceeding.

HONGKONG TRADE LOAN.**CLEARING UP THE 1925 SLUMP.**

In the annual report on the Colony's finances for the year 1929, just issued, it is reported by the Colonial Treasurer that regarding the Trade Loan Account of 1925, there were 60 loans outstanding on December 31st last, out of the 295 loans issued.

During the course of the year, the Sterling Loan was further reduced by £145,000, and on 31st December the liability in London with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation stood at £270,000. £1,530,000 of the original loan of £1,800,000 has now been refunded.

Redemptions of mortgages effected during 1929 amounted to £1,356,536.86, as against £2,604,930.00 in 1926; £4,845,879.76 in 1927; and £3,403,560.02 in 1928.

Twenty-nine loans were repaid during the year. Power of Sale was exercised in one instance. The principal sum was fully recovered, but a small loss was sustained in respect of interest.

It was found necessary in two cases to enter into possession of certain properties. In one instance, it was considered advisable to purchase the equity of redemption from the Official Trustee, the borrower having been adjudicated bankrupt.

The overdraft at Bank at the close of the year was \$2,532,468.64.

TSINAN FIGHTING RENEWED.**BATTLE RESUMED WITH MUCH INTENSITY.****REBELS RESISTED.**

Shanghai, June 17.

Tsinanfu messages assert that fighting near the city has again been resumed with much intensity since Sunday. The Nationalist officers have instructed business firms to close their doors after eight o'clock, after which time all communication and pedestrian traffic will be suspended.

General Han Fu-chu, the Nan-king Commander, is personally leading his troops fighting on the south bank of the Yellow River in resisting the Shansi assault, with the aid of heavy artillery. Tsinanfu was reinforced on Monday with the arrival of two Regiments of troops under General Ma Hung-kwai.

Communication on the railway lines between Tsinanfu and Hsuehchow and between the latter and Kweichow on the Lung-Hai Railway has been resumed following the success of the Nationalist troops at Tsinanfu and a retreat of the rebels.

Kuominchun Success.

Peking, June 17.

An official communique from Kail-fengfu, the capital of Honan Province, claims that the Kuominchun cavalry again destroyed the Nanking air base on the Lung-hai Railway, consisting of eleven aeroplanes, on Wednesday last. It also claims that the Northerners captured Yen-chenghsien, Sipinghsien and Suipinghsien on the Peking-Hankow Railway.—*Reuter.*

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

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runs. They made 188 in their second innings, Boys taking 6 wickets for 18 runs.

Surrey v. Lancashire.

There were three fine batting performances in the match at Manchester between Surrey and Lancashire. The latter made 333 in their visit to the wickets, the innings being marked by a fine century performance by Iddon. He contributed 136 runs before his wicket fell. Allom was the most successful bowler, taking four wickets for 61 runs.

Surrey replied with an even better total. Gregory scored one run over the hundred before his wicket fell and Sandham was dismissed when he required only two more runs for another century. Surrey's total in the first innings was 381. Lancashire went in to bat again, the match ending with their score at 249 for the loss of four wickets.

Worcester v. Warwick.

Parsons contributed 81 of the 285 runs made by Warwickshire in the first innings when four batsmen fell victims to Jackson who took the wickets for 60 runs. Worcester replied with 346, Nichol making a fine stand and piling up 127. In their second innings, Warwickshire declared at 244 for 6 when Parsons was 114 not out. Worcester went in again and made 23 for the loss of no wickets.

Sussex v. Leicester.

Langridge took four of the Leicester wickets for only 14 runs in the first innings when Leicester made a total of 254. Sussex replied with 362 for a useful lead on the first innings. Going in again Leicester could only make 156. In the remaining time for play Sussex lost four of their wickets for 13 runs.

Yorks v. Middlesex.

Mitchell made 92 in Yorkshire's first innings when the team was dismissed for 266. Durston taking six for 75. Middlesex made 242 in their first knock. Hearne batting well for 80. Yorkshire declared at 208 for 6 in the second innings but they were unable to force a win, the match ending with Middlesex being 43 for five wickets.—*Reuter.*

To-day's Matches.

The following matches are starting to-day:

Lord's.—Middlesex v. Gloucester.

Oval.—Surrey v. Australians.

Horsham.—Sussex v. Derbyshire.

Tonbridge.—Kent v. Warwick.

Taunton.—Somerset v. Notts.

Northampton.—Northants v. Yorkshire.

Leicester.—Leicester v. Worcester.

LESS BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS.**OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S REPORT FOR 1929.****ASSET COLLECTIONS.**

The report of the Official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent for the year 1929 states that the number of petitions in bankruptcy filed during the year was smaller than in 1928, but the assets collected amounted to more than three times as much, while the estimated liabilities were slightly in excess of those for last year. The assets for distribution among creditors, in bankruptcy, and in companies winding up, amounted to approximately \$70,000.00, while the liabilities were estimated at \$245,000.00.

Fees.—The fees received for Official Receiver's commission amounted approximately to \$9,500.00. In addition a sum of approximately \$66,000.00 was transferred from the Companies Liquidation Account to general revenue, under the provisions of the Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, No. 5 of 1929.

Bankruptcy Discharges.—Two discharges were granted during the year, one conditionally, and one application for discharge was absolutely refused. In the last case, two facts under Section 24 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance were established against the debtor, on proof of either of which he was liable to be sentenced to summary imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year. This power was not, however, exercised by the Court in this case, as it was considered reasonable that, as the provision had become to all intents and purposes a dead letter, warning of intention to exercise it should be given.

Companies Winding-up.—One compulsory winding-up order was made during the course of the year. The case is noteworthy by reason of the fact that an order for public examination of a Director of the company was made. It is believed that this is the first instance in which such an order has been made, at any rate for some very considerable time.

Patents Registration.—The revenue under this heading was, as usual, very small, although it amounted to more than double the total of 1928. In 1929, the total number of applications for registration of trade marks was 492, the total number of registration certificates granted 477, and the amount received in fees \$11,105. The corresponding figures for 1928 were 497, 375 and \$10,310. The total number of patents registered last year was 40, fees amounting to \$218, whilst the corresponding figures for 1928 were 8 and \$30.

Revenue and Expenditure.—The revenue and expenditure of the Department for 1928 and 1929 (including salaries of officers met from the Junior Clerical Service vote) were:—1929, revenue \$20,821.27; expenditure \$18,190.67; 1928, revenue \$30,480.95, expenditure \$12,692.67.

ABSENT JUROR FINED.**FORGOT BECAUSE HE WAS VERY BUSY.**

Mr. E. D. da Roza, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, was fined \$20 by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions this morning, for being absent from Court when his name was called for service on the jury.

When Mr. da Roza appeared later, the following dialogue ensued:

His Lordship:—Your name was called this morning, Mr. da Roza, for this jury, and you were absent. What have you to say?

Mr. da Roza:—Well, the position is this. I went to the office early this morning and I was in the midst of some intricate accounts, and I am sorry to say I forgot about it.

His Lordship:—You realise that that excuse has no value. You will also realise that one of these gentlemen now serving on the jury in your place might also be very busy. I fine you \$20 and order you to remain in Court during the remainder of this case.

BUSES TO CASTLE PEAK.**COMPANY TO REORGANISE THE SERVICE.**

Kowloon residents particularly will be interested to learn that the bus service to Un Long which has been somewhat irregular is to be reorganised by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company who will run a regular service from Kowloon to Un Long in the very near future.

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MOTOR CAR COLLIDES WITH STANDARD.**CHINESE WOMEN INJURED IN DES VOEUX ROAD.**

Two Chinese women, travelling in a hire car shortly after one o'clock yesterday were injured by being thrown forward in their seats when the vehicle collided with a tramway standard.

The accident took place in Des Voieux Road Central, near Cleverly Street, the car being driven in a westward direction at the time. The car sustained damage to the bumper, the radiator and the windscreen, which was shattered.

The two passengers were taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but went away some time later after their injuries had been attended.

The driver of the public car was not injured.

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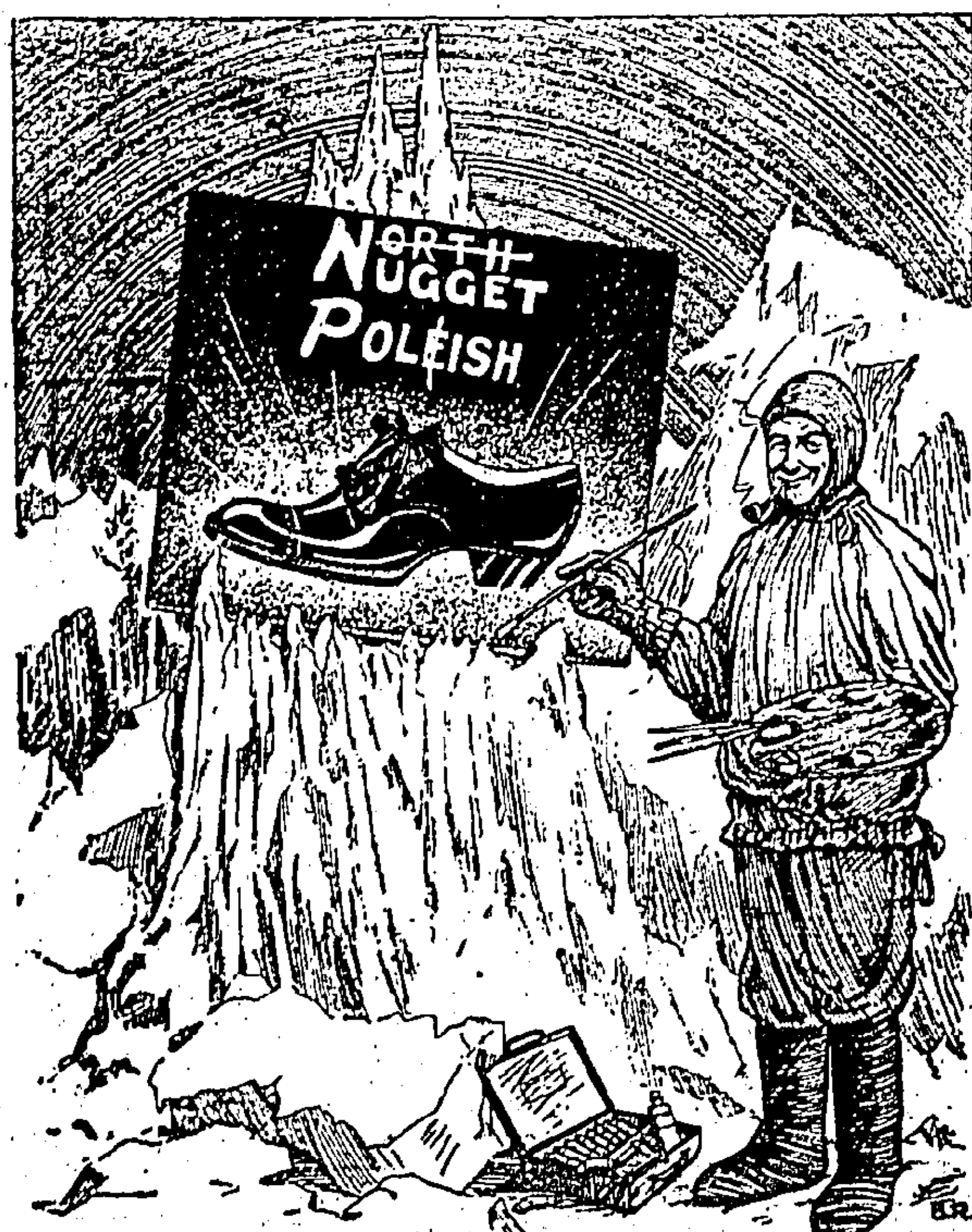
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tion, the naval authorities resumed the practice. Our grateful thanks are due to them for their ready assistance on this and other occasions, also to our floating and shore staff along the whole Yangtze for their tact and forbearance under trying circumstances.

No Security in South.

In our Southern trades there was a regrettable absence of security in the province of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, which eventually led to open warfare in the Autumn and affected business for several months. Our Yangtze and coastal lines are for all practical purposes connecting links of the same service so that disturbance at either end influence the whole, and my survey of conditions on the river, therefore, applies equally to the coast. In the great rice trades of southern China the year was a gloomy one for rice merchants as well as shipowners. The amount of business contracted was small, resulting in shipowners scrambling for what little was offering, with the result that unprecedentedly low rates were the rule rather than the exception. Some owners were forced to lay up their ships for weeks at a time.

Tientsin River Reopened.

Turning to our Tientsin services, my predecessor last year laid stress on the short-comings of the responsible Chinese authorities in not maintaining dykes in a proper state of repair which largely contributed to the silting of the Haiho, or Tientsin River, until navigation became impossible for other than tugs, and lighters. I am glad to state, however, that efforts made last year, assisted by nature in the shape of freshets, succeeded in re-opening channels to restricted drafts in August.

Conditions steadily improved thereafter and on October 6th the Leesang reached the Tientsin Bund, our first vessel to accomplish this for nearly two years. The opening of the river enabled us to resume valuable and old established connections, but at the same time we have had to meet with severe competition, and Haiho River conditions are by no means normal.

Our Calcutta and Borneo lines were well supported throughout the year in deck passengers and cargo, but, in the case of the former, opposition was a bar to the raising of rates to a remunerative level. Negotiations are now being conducted which I hope will result in a satisfactory understanding being reached with our competitors.

High Operating Costs.

I regret to say that the cost of operating tonnage on the China coast continues to increase in every direction, but no effort is being spared to keep a close watch on all expenditure. There is a tendency on the part of port authorities to increase their charges without due consideration of the fact that shipping is passing through a period of great depression, and I would remind them that their efforts to increase revenue may have the opposite effect by stifling shipping enterprise and industry.

Latest advices from Home indicate that there are some four to five million tons of shipping lying idle in Home and foreign ports, and that while freights are well below pre-war level, operating expenses generally have increased from 50 per cent. to 100 per cent.

Exchange Decline.

Another very disturbing factor in our shipping activities has been the fall in exchange, which the steadily declined, and although the full effect of this was not felt in 1929, it will have to be faced during the ensuing year.

The unfavourable Shanghai-Hongkong cross rate is another serious feature, nor can I see anything to be gained by attempting to fix Hongkong currency at present silver levels.

So far, I have seen no very convincing argument for the F.V. dollar, that is a dollar of value say 2/- fixed on gold. It must be remembered speaking widely that Hongkong is not, as Indo-China, the Straits or the Philippines are, either a producing or consuming centre but rather for geographical and strategic reasons a clearing mart for Southern China.

That a large part of Hongkong's business with Canton is done in Hongkong dollars I am well aware; it should be remembered that the exchange factor between these two ports exists, however concealed.

Good Old Days.

I may be dense but I feel that most of the solutions I've seen advanced in the papers by supposedly dollar paid people forget the good days when silver was really silver, and advocate a system whereby

the payee gets a 2/- dollar won by the payer outside Hongkong in depreciated silver. I fear for the proverbial geese who would in effect be fed silver to produce gold, and upon whose internal system the ferment of bimetalism might well have disastrous consequences.

Unless our modern alchemists find the philosopher's stone then I suggest that peace in China is the only solution, followed as it would be by a revival in trade and by the absorption of silver stocks. When this may be fulfilled you are all in as good a position to judge as I am. But I find it difficult to believe that any successful formula can be found whereby the existing dollar can be written up to 2/-, without someone having to nurse the difference. Speaking generally I think it hard that this burden should be shoved in toto on to the employers who have paid out good dollars in the past, and who in my opinion are now in for a difficult future.

New Steamer.

At our last annual meeting you were advised that the directors were considering the building of a new Middle River steamer to replace an older unit. The building contract for this new vessel was signed in September. She will be named the Paoto, will be launched about the end of the month and will be in commission shortly thereafter.

During the year under review the Luen Steamship Company, in which the Company held equal shares with the China Navigation Co., Ltd., and the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., was voluntarily wound up, taken over by us on satisfactory terms, and operated on the Lower Yangtze River.

I have already referred to the piracy of the Kiawo on the Upper River in October, and I feel sure we can rely upon the ever-ready help of the British Navy to protect British interests on the Yangtze.

Attack on "Tuckwo."

While not coming within the year under review, I would mention in passing that in January this year the Tuckwo, bound from Nanking to Shanghai, was attacked by an armed boarding party masquerading under the guise of Government troops with alleged orders to search for ammunition and arrest suspicious characters. They opened fire, killing a Chinese passenger and mortally wounding a quarter-master. While the vessel was hoisted to she was subjected to volleys of rifle fire from the shore and it is surmised that this was caused by rivals in search of opium belonging to yet another clique whom each was endeavouring to forestall.

It will be noted from this further glaring example of present day lawlessness in China that foreign lives and property are but little respected, and although a strong protest was made through diplomatic channels, it is not to be wondered at that shipowners in the Far East view the subject of adequate protection of Merchant shipping with considerable concern.

As regard pirates on the coast, I am glad to report that with the valuable assistance of the naval and military authorities, to whom our grateful thanks are due, we were entirely free of these serious menaces, but it must not be inferred from this that present precautions can be relaxed.

New Piracy Guards.

As you have no doubt read in the press, the British Government signified their intention of withdrawing military guards on April 1st this year, leaving the British companies no option but to arrange with the Hongkong police for the formation of Indian guards under European officers. Unavailing protests were made in London, and locally, against the withdrawal of military units, which we strongly contended were the only means of adequately protecting vessels against piracy attacks, and while H. M. Government relaxed to the extent of permitting these facilities to continue temporarily until the Indian guards had reached a state of efficiency, I regret that in the meantime an increased burden of expense will rest upon British shipping companies who are now faced with additional outlay insisted upon by the Government Authorities in the shape of garrison establishment costs which would in the ordinary course of events continue to be a charge on the Crown whether or not men were withdrawn from their ordinary duties.

Hitherto the Government had only collected actual out-of-pocket expenses which was considered quite fair and reasonable. Having stated that it is the considered opinion of shipowners that military guards are the only effective measures for the protection of their interests, it is not my desire to belittle in any way the efforts of the Hongkong Government in placing all police facilities at our disposal for the training of native guards. On the contrary we thoroughly appreciate their assistance, and will co-operate with them to the best of

**LONDON AND U.S.A.
SHARE SLUMP.****RUMOURS OF FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTIES.**

London, June 17.
It is authoritatively learnt in London that over \$300,000,000 paper value was lost by stocks in the Wall Street slump yesterday, which a new York message describes as the worst crash since last year's panic.

The Prime Minister's allusion, in the course of his Guildhall speech, mentioned in another cable, to "a certain event in New York yesterday which is bound to have repercussions here sooner or later," has aroused great interest in political and business circles. Rumours of financial difficulties in the City, current since the week-end, were given additional weight to-day by a fresh decline in Stock Exchange prices.

A Montreal message says that, influenced by the hectic "bear" market in New York, Canadian stocks and local exchanges over a broad list have made many new low records for the year.—*Reuter.*

While playing with other small boys on Sugar-Well Hill, Leeds, Leonard Davis, aged 7, of Chapel-town, fell over the edge of a disused quarry and was badly injured.

Future Prospects.

Shareholders naturally look for some reference at these meetings to future prospects, but I regret that it is impossible for me to prophesy what is in store for us. Conditions change so rapidly in China that I feel sure you will appreciate the futility of expressing any views. I will, however, say that we experienced fairly normal trading conditions in the early part of this year, but you are all aware that at the moment civil war is raging along an extensive front in Central China which must inevitably have a sad repercussion on commerce; in fact it is already in evidence.

Unfortunately the prospect of an early termination of these political disorders and the opportunity to trade in peace, which we all so earnestly desire, still seem remote.

With the exception of the stranding of the Kingwo on the Upper Yangtze in December, a contingency which has to be faced in navigating those difficulties waters, the company has been free of major casualties. Our thanks are due to all members of the company's staff, both ashore and afloat, for their devotion to duty during an admittedly difficult year, and particularly on the Yangtze River where conditions have been very unsettled.

They will be interested to learn that steps have been taken for the immediate execution of a trust deed specifically to secure their pensions which will be operated by two trustees.

No Dividend.

Turning to the accounts it will be seen that the profit on the working of steamers amounted to £51,444.12.3d. but after allowing for depreciation and all liabilities, it has been found necessary to transfer £48,000 from contingency reserve to cover the loss on our revenue account, and under the circumstances I regret it is not possible to pay any dividend. The transfer from contingency reserve will leave the revenue account with a credit balance of £518.5.10d. which it is proposed to carry forward to next year.

I now beg to propose the following resolution:—"That the report and statement of accounts, as presented, be adopted including the transfer of £48,000 from contingency reserve to revenue account, and that the sum of £518.5.10d. be carried forward to next year."

Other Business.

Mr. F. C. Hall moved and Mr. A. Murdoch seconded the confirmation of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. C. S. Mackie as a director. This was carried.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, the retiring Director, offered himself again and he was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. A. Stewart, seconded by Mr. N. Raitton.

Those who were present included:—Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. A. H. White (Directors), Mr. H. Turner (sollicitor), and Messrs. Ho Leung, Ho Tan-ying, Chan Wing, P. Tod M. H. Lo, T. T. Laurensen, A. M. da Silva, J. Baptista, F. C. Hall, A. B. Stewart, A. Murdoch, N. L. H. Raitton, Ho Kwong and R. E. Macdougall.

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TEST MATCH.**

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had one maiden in seventeen overs. Tate was difficult to play, however, and he emerged with the best average, twenty of his fifty overs producing no runs.

The detailed scores of the other innings are appended:

England—1st Innings.	
J. B. Hobbs, c Richardson, b McCabe	78
H. Sutcliffe, c Hornbrook, b Fairfax	29
W. R. Hammond, lb.w. Grimmett	8
F. E. Woolley, st. Oldfield, b Grimmett	5
E. Hendren, b Grimmett	4
A. P. F. Chapman, c Ponsford, b Hornbrook	62
H. Larwood, b Grimmett	18
R. W. V. Robins, not out	60
M. W. Tate, b Grimmett	13
R. Tyldesley, c Fairfax, b Wall	1
G. Duckworth, lb.w. Fairfax	4
Extras	12
Total	270

Bowling Analysis.	
Wall	17 4 47
Fairfax	21.4 5 61
Grimmett	38 6 107
Hornbrook	12 3 39
McCabe	7 8 23
Australia—1st Innings.	
W. H. Ponsford, b Tate	2
W. M. Woodfull, c Chapman, b Tate	2
A. Fairfax, c Hobbs, b Robins	14
D. G. Bradman, b Tate	8
A. Kippax, not out	64
S. McCabe, c Hammond, b Robins	37
V. Y. Richardson, b Tyldesley	1
W. A. Oldfield, c Duckworth, b Robins	4
C. V. Grimmett, st. Duckworth, b Robins	0
P. M. Hornbrook, lb.w. Larwood	0
T. Wall, b Tyldesley	0
Extras	0
Total	144

Bowling Analysis.	
Larwood	15 8 12
Tyldesley	18 8 20
Robins	17 4 51
England—2nd Innings.	
J. B. Hobbs, st. Oldfield, b Grimmett	74
H. Sutcliffe, retired hurt	58
W. R. Hammond, lb.w. Grimmett	4

**RELEASE OF AN
AMERICAN.****SOLDIERS FREE CAPTURED
MISSIONARY.**

Peking, June 17.
Mr. Clifford King, who was captured by bandits, has been released. Soldiers from the garrison at Loshan, numbering 150, were sent to the village where Mr. King was held, and they forcibly freed him and brought him back to safety.—*Reuter.*

It was reported on June 7 that bandits had captured an American, Mr. Clifford J. King, of the Society of the Divine Word, in South Honan on June 1. Details of the capture were then lacking.

LAWN BOWLS.**K.C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.**

The following players will represent the K.C.C. in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

1st Team v. K.B.G.C. (away)	
F. G. Gwin, b. Petheram, J. C. Lyle	5
L. E. Lammert (skip), H. Gibbins, C. J. Trench, A. Hyde-Lay, J. Fraser (skip), A. C. Buxford, J. Howe, H. Overly, A. E. Silstone (skip)	7
2nd Team v. Craigengower C. C. (home)	
O. B. Raven, L. Jack, F. E. Lawrence, J. M. Jack (skip), W. Hornman, A. J. Kew, W. Hyde, V. C. Labrum (skip), T. W. Carr, E. C. Fincher, J. P. Robinson, L. J. Blackburn (skip)	7
Reserves—L. A. Jeeves and J. Dinnen.	
F. E. Woolley, b. Wall	5
E. Hendren, c. Richardson, b. Wall	72
A. P. F. Chapman, b. Wall	29
M. W. Tate, c. Kippax, b. Grimmett	24
R. W. V. Robins, b. McCabe	4
H. Larwood, b. Grimmett	5
R. Tyldesley, b. Grimmett	14
G. Duckworth, not out	6
Extras	6
Total	302
Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
T. Wall	26 4 67
A. Fairfax	15 4 58
C. V. Grimmett	30 4 54
P. M. Hornbrook	11 4 35
S. McCabe	14 3 42

—*Reuter.*

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ANGERS.....	26th Aug.	G. METZINGER.....	1st Sept.
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CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES.

COMMISSION'S REPORT TO BE OPPOSED.

PETROL TAX PLAN.

Important resolutions will come before a meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow, including several dealing with the Salaries Commission report.

The Colonial Secretary to move the following resolution:

"That this Council approves the recommendations of the Salaries Commission published in Sessional Paper No. 7 of 1929 as modified by the Governor's despatch No. 37 of the 22nd January, 1930, and approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his telegram of the 25th March, 1930, published in Sessional Paper No. 3 of 1930, and further modified by the exclusion of the High Cost of Living allowance referred to in paragraph 2 of the Commission's report and the rent allowance for dollar salaried officers of less than 10 years' service referred to in paragraph 180 of the report which allowances shall not be provided without further specific sanction of this Council, and accordingly resolves that a sum of \$1,628,917 be charged upon the Revenue and other funds of the Colony in addition to the sums already provided in the Estimates for 1930 for the purpose of carrying into effect as from the 1st of January, 1930, the recommendations so modified."

Investigate the Report.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes to move the following resolution:

"That in view of the far reaching effect of the Commission's Report on employment generally and the community as a whole and the large expenditure of public money involved, His Excellency the President of this Council be invited to appoint a Committee consisting of Government Nominees, Representatives of employers and employees and others having a broad knowledge of the conditions of employment in this Colony, to investigate the Report of the Commissioners and make a Report thereon to the Government for further consideration."

H.C.L. Allowance.

The Hon. Mr. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., to move the following resolution:

"That the recommendations of the Salaries Commission as modified by the Government be not accepted, and that, as an alternative, the temporary High-Cost-of-Living Allowance approved by the Finance Committee on the 10th April, 1930, be continued until this Council shall otherwise decide, and a similar allowance equivalent to Ten per cent of their salaries be granted to the dollar-paid employees in the Civil Service of Hongkong, with effect from the 1st January, 1930."

Retrenchment Committee.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes to move the following resolution:

"That it is desirable in the interests of this Colony that His Excellency the President of this Council be invited to appoint a

Committee to be called "a Retrenchment Committee" for the purpose of advising the Government where, and the manner in which, economy in expenditure can, and should be made, in the personnel and administration of this Colony."

Tobacco Duties.

The Colonial Secretary to move the following resolution:

"Resolved that the duties on tobacco set forth in section 6 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, Ordinance No. 10 of 1916, be altered and that, subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) of the said section, the duty payable (i) upon all tobacco, imported into the Colony after the coming into operation of this resolution, and (ii) upon all dutiable tobacco already in the Colony at the coming into operation of this resolution, shall be as follows—per pound weight:

A.—On unmanufactured tobacco:

(1) If unstripped:

(a) containing 10 pounds or more of moisture per 100 pounds weight thereof, 75 cents.

(b) containing less than 10 pounds of moisture per 100 pounds weight thereof, 84 cents.

(2) If stripped:

(a) containing 10 pounds or more of moisture per 100 pounds weight thereof, 90 cents.

(b) containing less than 10 pounds of moisture per 100 pounds weight thereof, \$1.00.

B.—On manufactured tobacco:

(1) Cigars, \$2.00.

(2) Cigarettes, \$1.00.

(3) Other manufactured tobacco, including snuff and cigar cuttings, \$1.00.

Petrol to be Taxed.

The Attorney General to move the first reading of "An Ordinance to provide for the taxation of Light Hydrocarbon Oils."

The Objects and Reasons of the Bill state:

1. The object of this Ordinance is, to tax, with certain exceptions mentioned in section 6 (3) and (4), all light hydrocarbon oils used in the Colony.

A drawback equal to the amount of the duty will be granted in respect of oils on which the duty has been paid, if such oils are exported. Necessary Regulations providing for drawback are contained in the First Schedule to the Ordinance.

2. The amount of the duty is fifteen cents per gallon, but provision is made in section 7 for varying the same.

3. A convenient title for the Ordinance is the Motor Spirit Ordinance, 1930.

4. The Ordinance follows closely the provisions of the Tobacco Ordinance, No. 10 of 1916, as amended by Ordinance No. 3 of 1929.

5. Section 2 defines hydrocarbon oils and light oils, and a list of light oils is contained in the Fourth Schedule to the Ordinance. The definitions are adapted from section 2 of the Finance Act, 1923, (18 & 19 Geo. 5, Ch. 17.)

6. Sections 3, 4 and 5 are based on the corresponding sections of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916.

7. Section 6 (1) and (2) impose duty at the rate of fifteen cents per gallon on all light oils imported into the Colony after the coming into force of the Ordinance and on all light oils imported before but landed after the commencement of the Ordinance.

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If hydrocarbon oils be imported and manufactured into light oils such light oils shall also pay duty, but if the manufactured light oils are exported under an export permit, no duty is payable. No duty is to be payable on light oils purchased or imported as ships stores or on account of His Majesty's Government or the Government of the Colony.

8. Sections 7 to 34 inclusive are respectively based on sections 7 to 36 inclusive of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, as amended by Ordinance No. 3 of 1929.

9. Section 35 empowers the Governor in Council to grant to licensed importers, conditional exemption from any of the provisions of the Ordinance. The precise conditions have not yet been settled but the object in view when settling them will be to extend to well established oil companies of high financial standing every reasonable facility for the payment of duty without unnecessary interference with the expeditious and convenient handling of their oils.

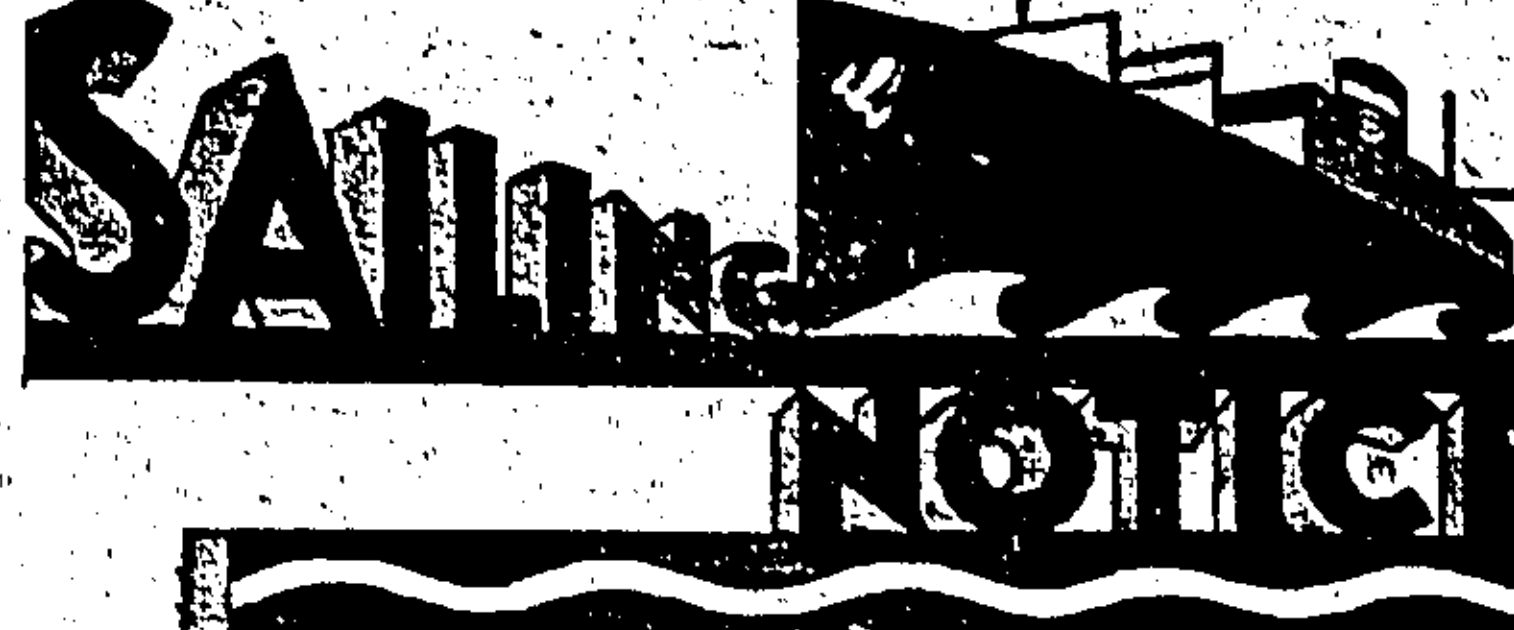
10. Sections 36 to 61 inclusive are respectively based on sections 37 to 64 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, as amended by Ordinance No. 3 of 1929.

11. The First Schedule contains regulations relating to Drawback, General Bonded Warehouses, Licensed Warehouses and Manufacturers and Retailers' Licenses.

12. The Second Schedule contains forms for use under the Ordinance.

13. The Third Schedule gives a list of fees payable in respect of warehouses and licenses.

14. The Fourth Schedule gives the list of light oils as follows:—Light petroleum ether, Motor spirit, White spirit and special solvents, Benzol, Toluol, Xylol, Solvent naphthas, Mineral naphthas, Admiralty vapourising oil, Light oils from distillation of coal, Light oils from distillation of shale, Light oils from distillation of low temperature tar, Light oils from distillation by Bergius process, Turpentine, Rosin spirit, Mixtures of any of the above, and Admixtures containing any one or more of the above.



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LOCAL SHIPPING RECORD.

OCEAN-GOING BOATS INCREASE.

The most outstanding feature of the annual report of the Harbour Master for last year, which has just been issued, is that the ocean-going shipping (British and foreign) which entered and cleared constituted a record for the port, being 28,285,741 tons, as against 27,374,830 for the year 1929, which was the previous highest. The total shipping of the port, however, was 9,544,896 tons less than the 1924 record.

British ocean going ships entering and clearing totalled 4,734 (as against 4,513 in 1928), and foreign ocean-going ships totalled 7,809 (as against 7,370 in the previous year). River steamers showed an increase, but there was a slight falling off in junks engaged in foreign trade. The total tonnage of all shipping engaged in foreign trade came to 39,871,149 tons, as against 37,640,694 in 1928, an increase of 2,230,455 tons.

With the addition of local trade shipping, the total shipping entering and clearing ports in the Colony during the year 1929 amounted to 300,557 vessels of 47,185,181 tons, which compared with the figures of 1928 show an increase of 241 vessels and an increase of 2,302,416 tons.

Of the above 52,574 vessels of 39,871,149 tons were engaged in Foreign Trade as compared with 52,278 vessels of 37,640,694 tons, in 1928.

There was an increase in British ocean-going shipping of 221 ships of 358,451 tons. Foreign ocean-going vessels show an increase of 439 ships and an increase of 1,032,895 tons.

British river steamers show an increase of 857 ships and an increase of 1,040,135 tons. Foreign river steamers show an increase of 366 ships and an increase of 18,761 tons.

In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade there is a decrease of 1,110 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 29,976 tons.

Junks in foreign trade show a decrease of 477 vessels, and a decrease of 189,811 tons.

In local trade (i.e. between places within the waters of the Colony) there is a decrease in steam-launches of 1,099 vessels and a decrease in tonnage of 106,785 tons.

Junks in Local trade show an increase of 1,044 vessels and an increase of 178,476 tons.

The junk trade of the Colony, engaged in imports and exports, show a falling off, the tonnage on the imports side being 1,813,189 (as against 1,903,552 in 1928), and the tonnage on the exports side being 1,835,747 (as against 1,962,059 in the previous year).

Revenue and Expenditure.

The total revenue during the year was \$1,010,061 as against \$973,283 collected in the previous year showing an increase of \$36,778 or 3.64%.

The expenditure (excluding special expenditure) was \$688,938 as against \$648,324 expended in 1928 showing an increase of \$40,614. This increase is principally

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th July, 1930 or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st June, 1930 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

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Steam-Launches.

On the 31st December, 1929,

there were 305 steam-launches and 170 motor boats employed in the Harbour. Of these 410 were

licensed for the conveyance of passengers, 29 steam-launches and 13 motor boats belonged to the Colonial Government, 3 steam

launches belonged to the Imperial Government, and 15 steam launch

es and 5 motor boats to the Naval Authorities. In addition

there were 43 motor boats privately owned for pleasure and private

purposes.

Emigration and Immigration.

227,523 emigrants left Hong-

kong for various places during the year 1929 (257,162 in 1928). Of

these 114,323 were carried in British ships and 113,200 in foreign

ships.

185,390 returning emigrants

were reported to have been brought to Hongkong from the

several places to which they had emigrated either from this Colony

or from Coast Ports, as against 187,847 in 1928. Of these, 103,

261 arrived in British ships and 82,129 in foreign ships.

Registry of Shipping.

During the year, 20 ships were

registered under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, and 24 Certificates of Registry

cancelled. 284 documents, etc., were dealt with in connexion with the Act, the fees on which amounted

to \$2,142.00 as compared with \$2,440.00 in 1928.

Marine Magistrate's Court.

Four hundred and seventy-seven (477) cases were heard in the

Marine Magistrate's Court during 1929 (as compared with 380 in 1928).

Sunday Cargo-Working.

Under Ordinance No. 7 of 1929,

1,159 permits were issued during the year as compared with 1,168 in 1928. The revenue collected

under this head amounted to \$129,750 as against \$122,275 in 1928,

showing an increase of \$7,475.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 17th June, 1930.

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From MARSEILLES, &c.

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whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before Thursday, the 26th June, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd June, 1930.

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No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 17th June, 1930.

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KARMALA	9,128	5th July	Marseilles, L'dor, Hull, R'dm & A'werp
MOREA	10,954	19th July	Bombay, M'les & L'don
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CUSTOMS CRISIS IN TIENTSIN.

MATTER RAISED IN
COMMONS.

REBEL'S PLAN TO SEIZE
SHANTUNG REVENUES.

NANKING ANXIOUS.

London June 17.
In the House of Commons, Sir Dennis Herbert, Conservative M.P. for Watford, drew attention to the happenings at Tientsin in connexion with the Customs dispute, and to the report that Colonel Hayley Bell, the Commissioner, had taken refuge in the British Consulate.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Press accounts of Mr. Lennox Simpson's appointment had been officially confirmed, and enquiries were being made in connexion with the matter.—*Reuter*.

Other Seizures.

Shanghai, June 17.
The seizure of the Tientsin Chinese Maritime Customs by representatives of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, the Commander-in-Chief of the allied troops fighting against the Central Government, is the main topic in Nationalist official circles.

In this connexion, reliable information has been received by the Nationalist Government that simultaneously with the seizure of the Tientsin Customs House, Marshal Yen instructed his subordinates at Changsha and in Shantung to seize control of the two Customs Houses there thus preventing the funds from reaching the Nanking Government.

Changsha Retaken.

In view of the Shansi leaders' intention to interfere with the control of the Customs, the National Government instructed the Nationalist troops fighting in Hunan to recapture Changsha with the sole aim of preventing Custom revenues from reaching the enemy.

Official circles, in fact, claim the recapture of Changsha by the Nationalist troops under General Ho Chien. The latter, it is stated, entered Changsha at six o'clock this morning while the defeated "Ironside" troops were retreating towards Liling, which is about forty miles to the south-east of Changsha.

T. V. Soong's Statement.

In an interview with newspaper correspondents in Shanghai, the Nationalist Finance Minister Mr. T. V. Soong, expressed his anxiety over the Shansi Militarists' action in seizing the Tientsin Customs House.

He said such an outrage would render a heavy blow to the prestige of the National Government in that it would upset all the estimates of revenues from the Customs, most of which forms the securities to foreign loans.

Seizure Defended.

The latest news from Tientsin states that Mr. Chu Ao-hsiang, acting Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to the Shansi Government, has issued a statement emphasizing the fact that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has not the slightest intention of destroying the integrity of the Maritime Customs Administration. The seizure is purely an action to prevent the money from reaching Nanking.

Tientsin telegrams state that a deadlock has been reached at the Customs House, where all the former officials have left and will probably proceed to Shanghai or Nanking.

With the announcement by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan of his intention to seize control of the Customs Houses in Shantung it is anticipated that serious warfare will break out in the latter province, when the Nationalist forces will launch a final effort to eliminate the Shansi rebels in an attempt to save the Custom revenue.

SUPPORT FOR NAHAS
PASHA.

CHAMBER APPROVES
CABINET ATTITUDE.

Cairo, June 17.
The Chamber has unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Nahas Pasha Cabinet.—*Reuter*.
An earlier message reported the resignation of the Cabinet because of the inacceptability of amendments made by the Palace to a Bill for safeguarding the Constitution and the trial of Ministers responsible for its suspension.

SHANGHAI SHARE ACTION.

NO EVIDENCE OF MARKET
BEING "RIGGED."

SALE DISPUTE.

Shanghai, June 18.
Judge Sir Peter Grain has found that Mr. E. Solomon has produced no evidence to substantiate his charge that brokers had "rigged" the market and has given judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

The decision arises out of the unconditional leave to defend a claim of Tls. 23,237.48 brought against Mr. Solomon by Mr. J. Rosenfeld. Leave to defend was given to Mr. Solomon in April when Mr. Solomon successfully appealed against a judgment given by Assistant Judge G. W. King who decided against him previously on the ground that he had shown no defence.

The transaction concerned two Cotton shares. When the appeal was allowed Sir Peter Grain said "There appears to be two defences which the appellant desires to suggest. The first is that the transactions between himself and the respondent were gambling transactions and the second that the respondent had conspired with others to 'rig' the market—although he uses only the word 'corner' and not 'rig'."

Assistant Judge King said "It seems to me that the appellant has raised by his assertion of 'rigging' of the market a substantial question of fact, or in other words a triable issue which he should have been given an opportunity to plead in answer to the claim of the respondent."

Following this decision Mr. Solomon filed his defence to the action, but as stated, Sir Peter Grain found that Mr. Solomon had not substantiated his charges.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

UNEMPLOYMENT
PROBLEM.

PREMIER NOT KEEN ON
LIBERAL OFFER.

TRIANGULAR PARLEY.

London, June 17.
On the initiative of the Government, a conference of representatives of municipal authorities was held in London to-day for the purpose of considering the unemployment problem.

After the Conference, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had conversations with Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, and Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader. The conversations were held separately, and it is understood that unemployment was discussed. In connexion with Mr. Lloyd George's offer of Liberal support to the Government in an emergency campaign against unemployment, it is stated that Mr. MacDonald, while anxious to get whatever co-operation is available, maintains the attitude that the executive responsibility of the Government must remain.

There is good reason to believe that Mr. MacDonald is doubtful regarding the proposal, that the Opposition should have access to the Civil Service and presumably official data.—*Reuter*.

London, June 17.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, presiding at the Guildhall conference, attended by a number of Cabinet Ministers and various local authorities, summoned by the Prime Minister to discuss means of alleviating unemployment, said the Government and local authorities must "conspire together" to expedite schemes and renew efforts for national development.

"We are not so efficient as we might be. I want to enlist the active and vigorous social minds of representative men and women, like you, with us to put our energies into a common pool, and extract from this schemes not only of benefit to the unemployed but also to be an added capital asset of the country's efficiency."—*Reuter*.

TO TRAIN VARSITY
GRADUATES.

ENGINEERING APPRENTICES
FOR P.W.D.

With a view to improving the opportunities for the practical training of graduates in engineering, Government has approved a scheme whereby two students from the Hongkong University can be given appointments in the Public Works Department as Engineering Apprentices from 1st July next at a salary of \$150 per month each. A vote for \$1,800 to cover the period from July 1st to December 31st is to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow. Future provision will be made in next year's Estimates.

BORDER FIGHTING IN INDIA.

GOVERNMENT FORCES'
CASUALTIES.

MANY TRIBESMEN KILLED IN
AIR RAID.

BLOOD PROPAGANDA.

London, June 17.
The situation in India is reviewed in an appreciation issued by the Government of India for the week ending June 14 which states that the situation in the North West Frontier Province has been stabilised. The whole tribal trouble was unscrupulously engineered from Peshawar by emissaries conducting anti-British propaganda by means of baskets full of bloodstained clothing, procured from local butchers.

The appreciation also states that when raiding Afridis were bombed by the Royal Air Force eighty of their number were killed and over a hundred wounded.

There has been a lull in Congress activity and enthusiasm and there are signs in some parts of the country of misgivings regarding the aims and methods of Congress among many who at first were inclined to view the civil disobedience campaign with toleration if not approval. The active opposition of those who frankly disapprove is steadily increasing.—*Reuter*.

Earlier Situation.

London, June 17.
The Government of India issues an appreciation of the situation in India for the week ending June 7. It is stated that the Afridi situation overshadowed everything else during the week and at one time events threatened to assume a very serious complexion. A lashkar, led by Said Badshah and other prominent Mullahs, was known to have formed some three weeks ago near the western end of Khajuri Plain.

Subsequently, further concentrations with standards collected in Upper Bara and began to move slowly towards the Peshawar District Border. By June 4 the lashkar had reached a point about 15 miles west of Bara Fort. It is reported that the intention was to hold Jirga with the Khalil and Mohmand tribes of the district with a view to combined resistance, to alleged Government oppression.

Incited to Revolt.

On the night of June 4 the lashkar entered the Peshawar District and numerous gangs, some of them numbering several hundreds, penetrated Khalil and Mohmand villages up to the cantonment boundary.

Khalils and Mohmands were incited to revolt and attack the cantonment but they refused, a large part of the lashkar appears thereupon to have retired westwards towards the hills.

Numerous gangs, however, remained scattered through Khalil and Mohmand country and in the gardens south of Peshawar City. Trees were felled and culverts destroyed on the Peshawar-Bara Road.

British Casualties.

On the morning of June 5 parties retiring across the Khajuri Plain were bombed from the air and the Royal Air Force are reported to have inflicted heavy casualties. Simultaneously, a movable column marched out of Peshawar to clear the country between the Bara and Kohat Road. The drive was entirely successful and the troops are reported to have inflicted severe casualties, operating in every difficult terrain.

Details of the losses suffered by the Government forces are not yet available, but a few casualties, as was inevitable in operations of this sort, are reported to have occurred. A careful search was conducted on June 6, but it failed to discover Afridi stragglers in British territory and the entire lashkar appears to have withdrawn from the district.—*British Wireless*.

THE REPARATIONS
LOAN.

HOW BRITISH SHARE WILL
BE USED.

London, June 17.
In the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated, in reply to a question, that the British share of the proceeds of the issue of the German Reparations Loan would be applied to debt reduction. He was not at present able to say definitely the precise form in which it was to be applied. He hoped to announce details in a few days.—*British Wireless*.

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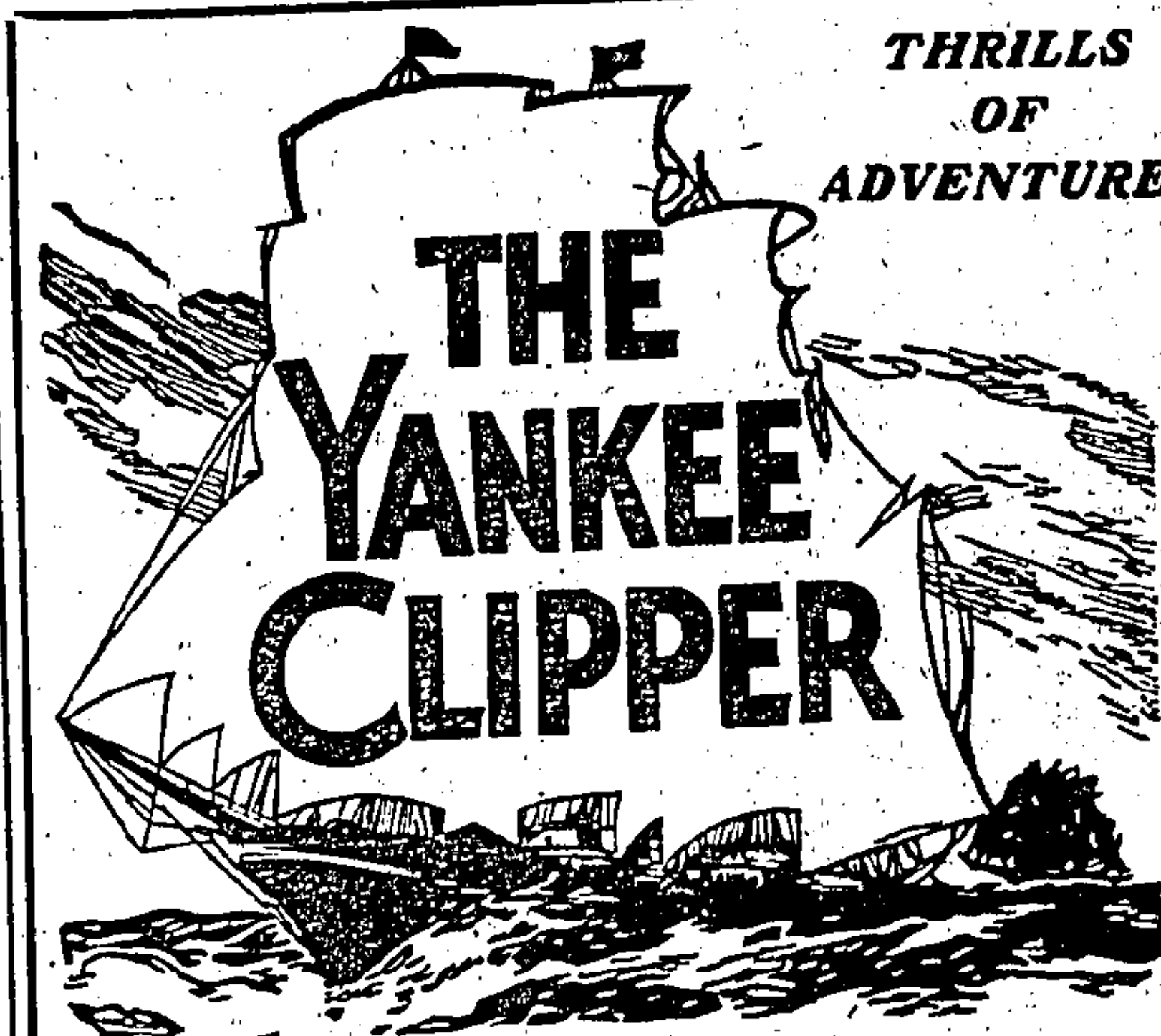
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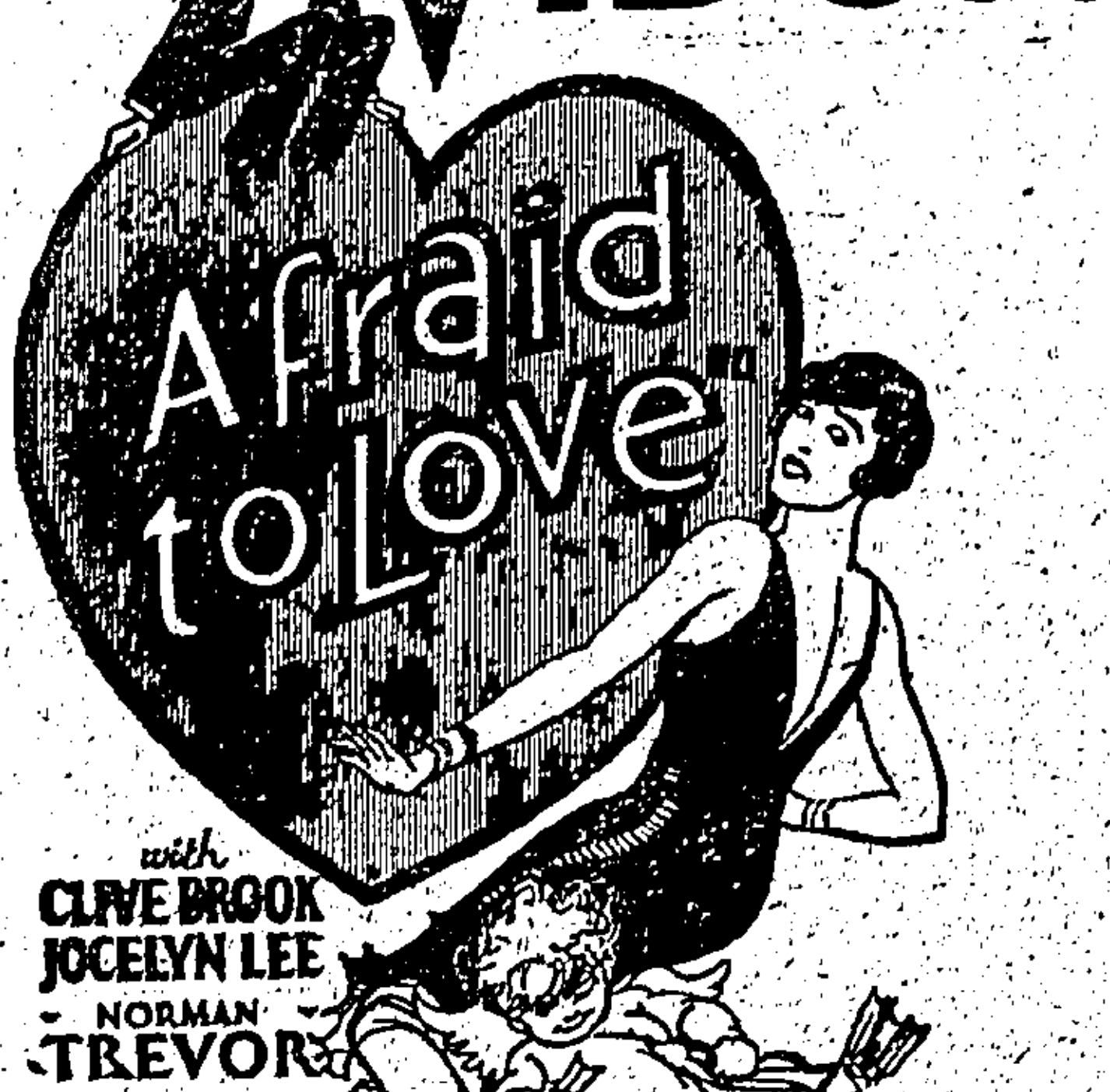
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